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INTERPRETATION OF THE
NATIONAL MIND

BY

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PREFACE

SEVEN years ago, I undertook a modest contribution toward the understanding of the democratic *penetralia mentis*, incorporated in a slender volume entitled "The American Credo." In it were listed 488 different articles in the philosophical faith of the American people, basic assumptions from which many of their higher rational processes took root. The foreword to the inventory presented the following injunction: "The superficial, no doubt, will mistake this little book for a somewhat laborious attempt at jocosity. Because, incidentally to its main purpose, it unveils occasional ideas of so inordinate an erroneousness that they verge upon the ludicrous, it will be set down as a piece of spoofing, and perhaps denounced as in bad taste. But all the while that main purpose will remain clear enough to the judicious. It is, in brief, the purpose of clar-

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ifying the current exchange of rhetorical gas-bombs upon the subject of American ideals and American character, so copious, so cocksure and withal so ill-informed and inconclusive, by putting into plain propositions some of the notions that lie at the heart of those ideals and enter into the very substance of that character. 'For as he thinketh in his heart,' said Solomon, 'so *is* he.' It is a saying, obviously, that one may easily fill with fantastic meanings, as the prevailing gabble of the mental healers, New Thoughters, efficiency engineers, professors of scientific salesmanship and other such mountebanks demonstrates, but nevertheless it is one grounded, at bottom, upon an indubitable fact. Deep down in every man there is a body of congenital attitudes, a corpus of ineradicable doctrines and ways of thinking, that determines his reactions to his ideational environment as surely as his physical activity is determined by the length of his *tibiæ* and the capacity of his lungs. These primary attitudes, in fact, constitute the essential man. It is by recognition of them that one arrives

at an accurate understanding of his place and function as a member of human society; it is by a shrewd reckoning and balancing of them, one against another, that one forecasts his probable behavior in the face of unaccustomed stimuli."

Contrary to not unnatural fears, the philosophical treatise was received with appropriate seriousness, despite its surface air of jest. Various distinguished scholars in Europe, as well as in the United States, not only hailed it but offered assistance in the preparation of a more comprehensive study of the subject. Several were good enough to say that the work showed a revolutionary point of departure in the study of the origin and growth of myths, and to propose that a series of volumes upon the same plan be undertaken by European savants, each dealing with his own country. From observers nearer home, there came a great deal of aid; merely to list the names of those who contributed additions to the collection would have filled many pages. These additions were, the following year, duly incorporated into a revised

and enlarged edition of the original treatise which brought the total of the doctrinal beliefs of the American people up to 869.

In the five years that have elapsed since the publication of the second volume of "The American Credo," the accumulation of articles of faith has grown apace. Addenda have come in from students in all sections of the Republic. Here, once again, to note their names would occupy much space, so I merely extend to my valuable assistants my blanket thanks, with a particularly low bow to the late lamented Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard College, ex-Senator Watson C. Squire, of Washington, Brigadier-General Benjamin Curtis Lockwood, and the indefatigable Messrs. Troy Perkins and Eugene Pharo, of Lexington, Kentucky, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, respectively.

Pursuing this research into the beliefs that, in sum, constitute the doctrinal body of contemporary American philosophy, one continues to encounter convictions that will be put down by the

unthinking as exaggerated and even ridiculous, and duly dismissed as such. That these convictions are, forsooth, actually what such persons will hold them to be is not to be gainsaid. But that, nevertheless, they represent the reaction of the American cerebrum to the phenomena of life is surely not to be denied by the observant student of the native scene. If the beliefs of the American people are grotesque, it is not for the statistician to criticize or protest; it is merely his business to set them down, that professors of the American mind may have at their elbows material for a more extensive, more profoundly analytical and more acutely penetrating interpretation of that mind, the most curious and remarkable, perhaps, ever heard of in Christendom.

Before engaging in the amplification of the catalogue, I take the liberty of quoting a few more words from the introduction to the original tome wherein the bare platting of the field was undertaken:

"What the psychologist will find to admire in

this work is not its learning and painstaking, its laborious erudition, but its compression. It establishes, we believe, a new and clearer method for a science long run to turgidity and flatulence. Perhaps it may even be said to set up an entirely new science, to wit, that of descriptive sociological science. We believe that this field will attract many men of inquiring mind hereafter and yield a valuable crop of important facts. The experimental method, intrinsically so sound and useful, has been much abused by orthodox psychologists; it inevitably leads them into a trackless maze of meaningless tables and diagrams; they keep their eyes so resolutely upon the intellectual processes that they pay no heed to the primary intellectual materials. Nevertheless, it must be obvious that the conclusions that a man comes to, the emotions that he harbors and the crazes that sway him, are of much less significance than the fundamental assumptions upon which they are all based."

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1

That the elephant tusks, swamp moss and specimens of old arrow-heads periodically brought back by explorers from the African jungle are of great value in adding to the store of human knowledge.

2

That rats and mice subsist entirely on cheese, and that, while such exotic brands as Camembert, Gruyère and Port du Salut are not especially to their taste, American cheese invariably fetches them.

3

That every Paris restaurant has two bills of fare, one with prices for the French and another with prices for American visitors, and that it is impossible for an American to get a small steak in any one of them for a sum less than twenty-five dollars.

4

THAT the Germans are such a wonderfully industrious people that, the very day the late war ended, all the pretzel factories were again found to be working full-blast.

5

THAT we will have light wines and beer back again within the next five years.

6

THAT colored girls can't resist the attractions of jazz band musicians, and that every coon saxophone player has children by no less than a dozen wenches.

7

THAT Coolidge is a very taciturn man, but that if he ever elected to say anything it would be of world-shaking importance.

8

THAT Will Rogers is not only a humorist but a great philosopher, and that if he ever gave up the stage he would make an excellent diplomat.

9

THAT tight corsets used to be the cause of many female ailments and that since women abandoned the wearing of them their general well-being has increased 100 per cent.

10

THAT Kentucky mountaineers, no matter how well they may be educated, always soon or late return home and take up the family feud.

11

THAT step-mothers are very harsh to their step-children and frequently beat them when their fathers are not around to protest.

12

THAT it is bad form to eat everything on one's plate and that a real lady or gentleman always allows a modicum of food to linger in the dish.

13

THAT the food served at banquets is exceedingly hard on the stomach.

14

THAT there is a great international diamond trust that controls the supply of diamonds and that only allows a certain number on the market at any time in order to keep prices up.

15

THAT the Standard Oil Company employs occult means to crush any man who attempts to compete with it, and that when competition temporarily forces the price of gasoline down it goes up higher than ever when the flurry ends.

16

THAT all English lords with names suspiciously like Long Island country clubs are really named Rosenberg or Einstein, and with large sums of money bribed the king, who was hard up, to give them titles.

17

THAT stagnant water that has turned green is poisonous, and that drinking it means instant death.

18

THAT when a woman wishes to touch her husband for anything she always prefaces her request with a kiss and a caress.

19

THAT a great many fires are caused annually by mice playing with matches.

20

THAT Maude Adams remembers the name of every actor and actress who ever played in one of her companies and that, if she meets a stagehand who served her for a night in Altoona, Pa., in 1890, she can greet him by his Christian name and readily rattle off the names of all his children.

21

THAT if the one-year-old offspring of a criminal were to be taken by a sedate English couple and brought up by them as their own, he would, nevertheless, after coming down from Oxford, be caught in petty thievery.

22

THAT all cats look gray at night.

23

THAT all the difficult feats ascribed to movie stars in the films are really done by doubles.

24

THAT the Irish are enormous consumers of whiskey, and that the average Irishman can single-handed drink five Frenchmen, seven Englishmen and ten Jews under the table and then polish off the evening with another quart.

25

THAT the late Eleanora Duse wore herself to a shadow because D'Annunzio deserted her, and that her death was due to a broken heart caused by his attitude toward her.

26

THAT it is extremely difficult to tie a white dress tie and that this accounts for men's preference for the dinner-jacket as against the swallow-tail.

27

THAT too many soft foods are ruining the teeth of the race.

28

THAT orange juice and gin are especially deleterious to the stomach, and that, so far as one's health goes, it is much better to drink the gin straight.

29

THAT Englishmen carry umbrellas even when the sun is shining brightly and it doesn't look as if it would rain for a week.

30

THAT when a woman with shapely limbs starts to board a street-car all the men within a block stop in their tracks to stare.

31

THAT pocket cigar-lighters never work.

32

THAT the only magazines one can ever find in doctors' waiting-rooms are three years old.

33

THAT when a society woman has a baby she is a complete wreck for months afterward, but that a washerwoman can have one at eleven o'clock in the morning and with perfect comfort go to a movie the same afternoon.

34

THAT artists always make a great noise while eating.

35

THAT if you rock an empty chair, you will have bad luck.

36

THAT a Chinese coolie is happy to work a whole week, including Sunday, for a penny.

37

THAT it is necessary for the state police vigilantly to patrol the Croton water dam to keep the Bolsheviki from throwing prussic acid into it and poisoning the New York water supply.

38

THAT no well-bred Spanish girl is permitted to see a young man until she has passed her twenty-first birthday, and that even then her watchful duenna always sits close by when the tender one is entertaining a caller.

39

THAT the co-eds at American colleges have shown an increasing beauty in the last fifteen years, and that today, at a single institution of learning, you will see fully a hundred girls who are as comely as any in the "Follies."

40

THAT oil stocks are all swindles, and that when a sucker goes out west to look at the well in which he owns stock all that he finds is a dry hole in the ground.

41

THAT General Robert E. Lee was exceptionally meticulous in the matter of dress and never went into battle without putting a clean collar on.

42

THAT every man should, if possible, read a little law, as it will safeguard him against swindlers.

43

THAT it is so dirty in Calcutta, India, that it is necessary to put on rubber gloves even to turn a door-knob if one wishes to safeguard one's self against all manner of loathsome diseases.

44

THAT mathematics, while of no great practical value, are excellent discipline for the mind and will make one a deeper thinker.

45

THAT John D. Rockefeller would gladly give his entire fortune to be able to eat an eskimo pie.

46

THAT children are always poorest in class on Mondays, as the antecedent Saturday and Sunday holiday have taken all thought of their studies out of their heads.

47

THAT if you walk across the road during a funeral procession, someone in your family will shortly die.

48

THAT no one but a native of the region can understand the language of the Pennsylvania Dutch.

49

THAT if one disregards a barking dog, no matter how vicious, the *hund* will not harm one.

50

THAT if one sings before breakfast one will cry before night.

51

THAT the bride's mother always weeps as her daughter is being given away by her father.

52

THAT if you hurt your finger and promptly hold it under the hot water faucet, the pain will immediately vanish.

53

THAT all women love poetry.

54

THAT it is effeminate for a man to write a love letter.

55

THAT there is never a sharp lead-pencil at hand in a telegraph office.

56

THAT all Russian novels weigh at least two pounds and are full of woe and misery from beginning to end.

57

THAT large dogs are more affectionate than small ones.

58

THAT people were exceedingly slow in the Victorian era, and that women swooned on the slightest provocation.

59

THAT it is impossible to tell some of the new imitation pearls from the genuine article.

60

THAT the town houses of New York millionaires are never occupied for more than three months during the year.

61

THAT a child who is brought up in filth is always more robust and lives to a greater age than one who is hygienically cared for.

62

THAT there are hundreds of letters in the Dead Letter Office whose failure to arrive at their intended destinations was instrumental in separating as many lovers.

63

THAT the philoprogenitive instinct in rabbits is so intense that the alliance of two normally assiduous rabbits is productive of 265 offspring in one year.

64

THAT when a bank or other business institution fails, the directors and officers always come out in rather more than good shape.

65

THAT the Italian who sells bananas on a push-cart always takes the bananas home at night and sleeps with them under his bed.

66

THAT a man's stability in the community and reliability in business may be measured by the number of children he has.

67

THAT a doctor knows so much about women that he can no longer fall in love with one of them.

68

THAT all sailors are gifted with an extraordinary propensity for amour, but that on the first night of shore leave they hang around the water-front blind-pigs and are given knock-out drops.

69

THAT in Japan an American can buy a beautiful geisha for two dollars and that, upon being bought, she will promptly fall madly in love with him and will run his house for him in a scrupulously clean manner.

70

THAT when a comedian, just before the rise of the curtain, is handed a telegram announcing the death of his mother or only child, he goes on the stage and gives a more comic performance than ever.

71

THAT the lions in the cage which a lion-tamer enters are always sixty years old and have had all their teeth pulled.

72

THAT if you start for some place and for one reason or another have to turn back you will find disappointment waiting for you when you eventually return to your destination.

73

THAT if a woman about to become a mother plays the piano every day, her baby will be born a Chopin.

74

THAT all excursion boats are so old that if they ran into a drifting beer-keg they would sink.

75

THAT when one takes one's best girl to see the monkeys in the zoo, the monkeys invariably do something that is very embarrassing.

76

THAT firemen, awakened suddenly in the middle of the night, go to fires in their stocking feet.

77

THAT something mysterious goes on in the rooms back of chop suey restaurants.

78

THAT oil of pennyroyal will drive away mosquitoes.

79

THAT the old ladies on summer hotel verandas devote themselves entirely to the discussion of scandals.

80

THAT a bachelor, expecting a feminine visitor, generally by way of subtle preliminary strategy smells up his rooms with Japanese punk.

81

THAT all one has to do to gather a large crowd in New York is to stand on the curb a few moments and gaze intently at the sky.

82

THAT the Siamese Twins were joined together by gutta percha moulded and painted to look like a shoulder-blade.

83

THAT if you put your undershirt on wrong side out when you get up in the morning you will have wonderful luck for the rest of the day.

84

THAT one can get an excellent bottle of wine in France for a franc.

85

THAT moonlight is extremely seductive.

86

THAT ice-water taken on a summer day makes one hotter than ever.

87

THAT darkies are constantly getting water in their ears from eating watermelon.

88

THAT it is dangerous to drink out of a garden hose, since if one does one is likely to swallow a snake.

89

THAT all male negroes can sing.

90

THAT when a girl enters a hospital as a nurse, her primary object is always to catch one of the doctors.

91

THAT the postmasters in small towns read all the postcards.

92

THAT a young girl ought to devote herself sedulously to her piano lessons since, when she is married, her playing will be a great comfort to her husband.

93

THAT all theatre box-office employés are very impolite and hate to sell a prospective patron a ticket.

94

THAT all great men have illegible signatures.

95

THAT all iron-moulders and steam-fitters, back in the days of freedom, used to get drunk every Saturday night.

96

THAT if a man takes a cold bath regularly every morning of his life he will never be ill.

97

THAT ginger snaps are made of the sweepings of the floor in the bakery.

98

THAT every circus clown's heart is breaking for one reason or other.

99

THAT a bull-fighter always has so many women in love with him that he doesn't know what to do.

100

THAT George M. Cohan spends all his time hanging around Broadway cafés and street-corners making flip remarks.

101

THAT one can never tell accurately what the public wants.

102

THAT when cousins marry, their children are born blind, deformed, or imbecile.

103

THAT when an ocean vessel collides with another vessel or hits an iceberg and starts to sink, the ship's band promptly rushes up to the top deck and begins playing "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

104

THAT in no town in America where it has played has "Uncle Tom's Cabin" ever failed to make money.

105

THAT the tenement districts are the unhealthy places they are because the dwellers hang their bed-clothing out on the fire-escapes.

106

THAT, in small town hotels, the tap marked "hot water" always gives forth cold water and that the tap marked "cold" always gives forth hot.

107

THAT the accumulation of great wealth always brings with it great unhappiness.

108

THAT every time one sat upon an old-fashioned horsehair sofa one of the protruding sharp hairs would stab one through the union suit.

109

THAT a cat falling from the twentieth story of the Singer Building will land upon the pavement below on its feet, uninjured and as frisky as ever.

110

THAT every lieutenant in the American army who went to France had an affair with a French comtesse.

111

THAT Elinor Glyn must have a devastating sex appeal.

112

THAT when a child has had a toy dime-bank for two days it always takes a can-opener, pries it open and spends the accumulated ten cents at the nearest candy store.

113

THAT a dollar watch, while it may not look nearly so well, keeps just as good time as an expensive one.

114

THAT General McClellan would have turned out to be a great military genius in the Civil War if meddlers at Washington had left him alone.

115

THAT every well-to-do Chinaman covets a white woman.

116

THAT the century plant blooms only once in every hundred years.

117

THAT a very small proportion of beggars posing as blind are actually blind.

118

THAT it is the best rule to tell ill people that they are looking exceedingly well.

119

THAT bootleggers are the staunchest advocates of prohibition.

120

THAT the boards of education in the state and in the cities get a good rake-off from the company getting the contract for school-books.

121

THAT Hearst instigated the murder of Americans by Mexican thugs in order that the American government might intervene and protect his interests down there from the lawless bands of Mexican soldiers.

122

THAT women with red hair or wide nostrils are possessed of especially passionate natures.

123

THAT what impels most men to have their finger-nails manicured is a vanity for having manicured finger-nails.

124

THAT a soubrette is always fifteen or twenty years older than she looks.

125

THAT water rots the hair and thus causes baldness.

126

THAT when one twin dies, the other twin becomes exceedingly melancholy and soon also dies.

127

THAT one may always successfully get a cinder out of the eye by not touching the eye, but by rolling it in an outward direction and simultaneously blowing the nose.

128

THAT if one wears light weight underwear winter and summer the year 'round, one will never catch a cold.

129

THAT if one's nose tickles it is a sign that one is going to meet a stranger or kiss a fool.

130

THAT the first thing a country-jake does when he comes to New York is to make a bee line for Grant's Tomb and the Aquarium.

131

THAT if one's right ear burns, it is a sign that some one is saying nice things about one.

132

THAT if one's left ear burns, it is a sign that some one is saying mean things about one.

133

THAT French women use great quantities of perfume in lieu of taking a bath.

134

THAT a six-footer is invariably a virtuoso of amour superior to a man of, say, five feet seven.

135

THAT George Bernard Shaw doesn't really believe anything he writes.

136

THAT the music of Richard Wagner is all played *fortissimo*, and by cornets.

137

THAT the Masonic order goes back to the days of King Solomon.

138

THAT surgeons often kill patients for the sheer pleasure of it.

139

THAT whiskey is good for snake-bite.

140

THAT it is bad luck to kill a spider.

141

THAT ten drops of camphor in half a glass of water will prevent a cold.

142

THAT every colored cook has a lover who never works, and that she feeds him by stealing the best part of every dish she cooks.

143

THAT swearing is forbidden by the Bible.

144

THAT German peasants are possessed of a profound knowledge of music.

145

THAT Henry James never wrote a short sentence.

146

THAT if a young man were ever to see his intended unexpectedly before breakfast, it would cool his passion instantly.

147

THAT to start making a garment on Friday and leave it unfinished over the week-end means trouble, and that sorrow will surely follow.

148

THAT all the big athletes from Yale, Harvard and Princeton become bond salesmen immediately upon graduation.

149

THAT it is unlucky to let a baby see itself in a mirror before it is a year old.

150

THAT if you are sleeping in a strange house, whatever you dream will happen in reality.

151

THAT chewing tobacco is made of all the refuse lying around the floors of a tobacco factory.

152

THAT perfume is made from materials which are in themselves very repulsive.

153

THAT all negro babies are bow-legged.

154

THAT all hogs are happy.

155

THAT a boy has no friend in the world like his mother.

156

THAT a man married to a woman larger than himself is always henpecked.

157

THAT if the sun shines while it is raining, it will rain the next day.

158

THAT drinking water with one's meals is a very bad thing and that it prevents the proper digestion of the food.

159

THAT the general of an army always remains safely twenty miles to the rear of the battle-front and often eases up the strain on his tactical brain during the height of the conflict by playing solitaire.

160

THAT all parrots are very proficient cussers, and that it is unwise for a young woman to have one around the house when her beau calls if she wishes to avoid embarrassment.

161

THAT, for a young woman, seduction is a worse fate than death.

162

THAT a drunken man is invariably more bellicose than a sober man.

163

THAT all prize-fighters and baseball players have their hair cut round in the back.

164

THAT the work of a detective calls for exceptionally high sagacity and cunning.

165

THAT on the first day of the season in the pleasure parks many persons, owing to insufficiently tested apparatus, are regularly killed on the roller-coasters.

166

THAT it is one of the marks of a gentleman that he never speaks evil of a woman.

167

THAT a person who follows up a cucumber salad with a dish of ice-cream will inevitably be the victim of cholera morbus.

168

THAT a Sunday School superintendent is always carrying on an intrigue with one of the girls in the choir.

169

THAT a play, a novel, or a short story with a happy ending is necessarily a commercialized and inartistic piece of work.

170

THAT all the posthumously printed stories of Jack London and O. Henry were written by hacks hired by the magazine editors and publishers.

171

THAT a policeman can eat *gratis* as much fruit and as many peanuts off the street-corner stands as he wants.

172

THAT a member of the Masons cannot be hanged.

173

THAT onion breath may be promptly removed by eating a little parsley.

174

THAT Catholic priests conduct their private conversations in Latin.

175

THAT all Swedes are stupid fellows, and have very thick skulls.

176

THAT Englishmen are such good sportsmen that they never try to win games.

177

THAT a man like Charles Schwab, who has made a great success of the steel business, could in the same way easily have become a great composer like Bach or Mozart had he been minded thus to devote his talents.

178

THAT the man who doesn't hop promptly to his feet when the orchestra plays "The Star Spangled Banner" as an overture to Hurtig and Seamon's "Red Hot Mamas" must have either rheumatism or pro-Bolshevik sympathies.

179

THAT every workman in Henry Ford's factory owns a pretty house in the suburbs and has a rose-garden in the back-yard.

180

THAT all circus people are very pure and lead domestic lives.

181

THAT if a spark hits a celluloid collar, the collar will explode.

182

THAT when a bachelor who has hated children for twenty years gets married and discovers he is about to become a father, he is delighted.

183

THAT German babies are brought up on beer in place of milk.

184

THAT a man with two shots of cocaine in him could lick Gene Tunney.

185

THAT fully one half the repertoire of physical ailments is due to uric acid.

186

THAT a woman, when buying a cravat for a man, always picks out one of green and purple with red polka-dots.

187

THAT a negro's vote may always be readily bought for a dollar.

188

THAT cripples always have very sunny dispositions.

189

THAT all Russians have unpronounceable names.

190

THAT every negro who went to France with the army had a liaison with a white woman and won't look at a nigger wench any more.

191

THAT drinking three drinks of whiskey a day will prevent pneumonia.

192

THAT a great many people put buttons in the collection plate at church.

193

THAT it is very difficult to decipher a railroad time-table.

194

THAT gamblers may always be identified by their habit of wearing large diamonds.

195

THAT when a man embarks in a canoe with a girl, the chances are two to one that the girl will move around when the boat is in mid-stream and upset it.

196

THAT many of the old Knickerbocker families of New York are today in such impoverished circumstances that they may be found living over hardware and delicatessen stores off lower Second and Third Avenues, but that they retain the old pride of aristocracy none the less and refuse to have anything to do with millionaires from the Middle West, Newport and Palm Beach social lights and other such recently ordained riff-raff.

197

THAT if a boy is caught cheating in examinations at Annapolis, the standard of honor is so high there that thereafter no other boy will speak to him, and that his embarrassment will accordingly become so acute that he will either commit suicide or leave the Academy to enter one of the big eastern colleges.

198

THAT whenever a woman receives a gift, she immediately goes downtown and prices it.

199

THAT awnings keep rooms cool.

200

THAT only a highly trained mind can grasp the Einstein theory, and that it is of no real practical importance anyway.

201

THAT hot lemonade will cure a cold.

202

THAT when a rooster crows at night, it is a sign that somebody has just died.

203

THAT when a family moves to a different house or locality it is bad luck to take the cat along.

204

THAT, during the late war, Elsie Janis was always near the scene of battle to inspire the American troops to lay down their lives by singing selections from "Oh, Boy" and "The Pink Lady" and giving imitations of Eddie Foy and Ethel Barrymore.

205

THAT during the late war, the Y. M. C. A. took the gift cigarettes sent to the boys and charged them unheard of prices for them.

206

THAT Pittsburgh millionaire art collectors are always swindled by the dealers, who palm off Greenwich Village copies of the great masters on them.

207

THAT trained fleas are quite remarkable.

208

THAT if one drops a crust of bread into one's glass of champagne, one can drink indefinitely without getting drunk.

209

THAT a brass band always makes one feel like marching.

210

THAT, when shaving on a railway train, a man invariably cuts himself.

211

THAT the male Spaniard is generally a handsome, flashing-eyed fellow, possessed of a fiery temper.

212

THAT after drinking a glass of absinthe one has peculiar hallucinations and nightmares.

213

THAT, since the Indians were never bald, baldness comes from wearing tight hats.

214

THAT the editor of a woman's magazine is always a lizzie.

215

THAT what is contained in the pitcher on the speakers' platform is always ice-water.

216

THAT all Senators from Texas wear sombreros, chew tobacco, expectorate profusely, and frequently employ the word "maverick."

217

THAT a sudden shock may cause the hair to turn gray over night.

218

THAT Maxine Elliott is as beautiful today as she was thirty-five years ago.

219

THAT millionaires always go to sleep at the opera.

220

THAT Paderewski can get all the pianos he wants for nothing.

221

THAT a bloodhound never makes a mistake.

222

THAT celery is good for the nerves.

223

THAT the jokes in *Punch* are never funny.

224

THAT the Mohammedans are heathens.

225

THAT the meters on taxicabs are covertly manipulated by the chauffeurs by means of wires hidden under the latter's seats.

226

THAT the farmer is an honest man, and greatly imposed upon.

227

THAT if a young woman can hold a lighted match in her fingers until it completely burns up, it is a sign that her young man really loves her.

228

THAT if a young woman accidentally puts on her lingerie wrong side out, it is a sign that she will be married before the end of the year.

229

THAT if a bride wears an old garter with her new finery, she will have a happy married life.

230

THAT blondes are flightier than brunettes.

231

THAT a tarantula will not crawl over a piece of rope.

232

THAT all the antique furniture sold in America is made in Grand Rapids, Mich., and that the holes testifying to its age are made either with gimlets or by trained worms.

233

THAT if a dog is fond of a man it is an infallible sign that the man is a good sort, and one to be trusted.

234

THAT a sudden chill is a sign that somebody is walking over one's grave.

235

THAT a nurse, however ugly, always looks beautiful to the sick man.

236

THAT book-keepers are always round-shouldered.

237

THAT if one touches a hop-toad, one will get warts.

238

THAT a collar-button that drops to the floor when one is dressing invariably rolls into an obscure and inaccessible spot and eludes the explorations of its owner.

239

THAT an American ambassador has the French, German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian and Japanese languages at his finger tips, and is chummy with royalty.

240

THAT the ready-made mail order blue serge suits for men are put together with mucilage, and turn green after they have been in the sunlight for a day or two.

241

THAT every country girl who falls has been seduced by a man from the city.

242

THAT all Chinamen smoke opium.

243

THAT if one has only three matches left, the first two will invariably go out, but that the third and last will remain lighted.

244

THAT the average New Yorker, under his sophisticated and sinful exterior, is really an innocent, sentimental sucker.

245

THAT the Prince of Wales, when he was last over here, sneaked out every night after he returned from formal parties given in his honor and carried on gayly with cabaret girls.

246

THAT Thomas W. Lawson died broke.

247

THAT policemen waste most of their time chasing small boys.

248

THAT the air in Italy is so full of garlic that one has to wear a nose-mask to keep from feeling faint.

249

THAT an intelligent prize-fighter always triumphs over an ignorant prize-fighter, however superior the latter in agility and strength.

250

THAT a doctor's family never gets sick.

251

THAT nature designed a horse's tail primarily as a flicker-off of flies.

252

THAT nicotine keeps the teeth in a sound condition.

253

THAT when an Odd Fellow dies he is always given a magnificent funeral by his lodge, including a band and a parade.

254

THAT the stenographer in a business house is always coveted by her employer, who invites her to luncheon frequently, gradually worms his way into her confidence, keeps her after office hours one day, accomplishes her ruin, and then sets her up in a magnificently furnished apartment on Riverside Drive and appeases her old mother by paying the latter's expenses for a summer holiday with her daughter at the seashore.

255

THAT a minor actress in a theatrical company always considers the leading man a superb creature, and loves him at a distance.

256

THAT the extinction of the Indian has been a deplorable thing.

257

THAT when a dog howls in the middle of the night, it is a sure sign that some one is going to die.

258

THAT the man who is elected president of the Senior Class in a college is always the most popular man in his class.

259

THAT a Southern levee is a gay place.

260

THAT everybody has a stomach-ache after Thanksgiving dinner.

261

THAT General Grant never directed a battle save with a cigar in his mouth.

262

THAT there is something slightly peculiar about a man who wears spats.

263

THAT the more modest a young girl is, the more innocent she is.

264

THAT seafaring men drink nothing but rum.

265

THAT what a woman admires above everything else in a man is an upright character.

266

THAT no family in the slums has less than six children.

267

THAT a piece of camphor worn on a string around the neck will ward off disease.

268

THAT a saloon that used to have a sign reading "Family Entrance" on its side door invariably had a bawdy house upstairs.

269

THAT the wife of a rich man always wistfully looks back into the past and wishes she had married a poor man.

270

THAT all persons prominent in smart society are very dull.

271

THAT when ordering a drink of whiskey at a bar, a man always used to instruct the bartender as to the size of the drink he desired by saying "two fingers" or "three fingers."

272

THAT all the wine formerly served in Italian restaurants was made in the cellar, and was artificially colored with some sort of dye that was very harmful to the stomach.

273

THAT a man will do anything for the woman he loves.

274

THAT stokers on ocean liners are from long service so used to the heat of the furnaces that they don't notice it.

275

THAT what draws men to horse races is love of the sport.

276

THAT tarantulas often come from the tropics in bunches of bananas, and that when one of them stings a negro on the wharf he swells up, turns green and dies within three hours.

277

THAT a workingman always eats what is in his dinner-pail with great relish.

278

THAT the reason William Gillette, who has been acting for forty years, always smokes cigars in the parts he plays is because he is very nervous when on the stage.

279

THAT the doughnut is an exceptionally indigestible article.

280

THAT one captive balloon in every two containing persons on pleasure bent breaks away from its moorings, and drifts out to sea.

281

THAT all criminals get caught sooner or later.

282

THAT all gay girls have some young man whom they are especially fond of, and in the course of time give him enough money to set up a good hardware business.

283

THAT cross-word puzzles measurably increase one's store of knowledge, in addition to improving the mental faculties.

284

THAT when a good-looking girl passes a group of men on the street, they instantly abandon the subject they were talking about and indulge in remarks about her shape.

285

THAT all speeches at banquets are long and dull, and that everyone has a fierce time keeping awake during them.

286

THAT when the telephone operator says, "The line is busy," it isn't true more than half the time.

287

THAT the mistresses of monarchs in the old days always dictated the policies of the country.

288

THAT William E. Gladstone lived to his mellow years because he chewed every bite thirty times.

289

THAT the peculiar taste sometimes noted in ice-water is always due to ammonia in the ice.

290

THAT at the battle of San Juan Hill every American soldier had a reluctant but obedient darkey in front of him.

291

THAT when a football player is knocked down and is caressing his leg with unusual gusto, the real seat of his trouble is not there at all.

292

THAT Al Jolson pays $500 apiece for his jokes.

293

THAT tea-drinking is effeminate.

294

THAT it would have been impossible to keep Houdini imprisoned in any manner, and that it is a good thing he wasn't a criminal.

295

THAT if one stands near the edge of a tall building or a precipice, one has an almost irresistible impulse to jump off, and that a great many people have lost their lives in this way.

296

THAT when the crescent moon is resting on its tip, it is a sign of dry weather, as it has poured all the water out of its concave surface. And that when the crescent moon is resting like a boat on water, it is a token of rainy weather, as the moon is full and running over.

297

THAT when a member of the Adams family of Massachusetts breaks into speech, he uses only the most carefully chiselled and faultless English.

298

THAT when two nations are at war, although the larger country may be more greatly in the right than the smaller one, the latter is still somehow more to be admired.

299

THAT tobacco smoke will keep mosquitoes away.

300

THAT children were much better behaved twenty years ago than they are today.

301

THAT the profession of white slaving, in 1900 controlled exclusively by Chinamen, has since passed entirely under the control of Italians.

302

THAT every person in the Riviera lives in a "villa."

303

THAT it is impossible to pronounce the word "statistics" without stuttering.

304

THAT the cashier of a restaurant in adding up a customer's cheque always adds a dollar which is subsequently split between himself and the waiter.

305

THAT the chief form of headgear among the Swiss is the Alpine hat.

306

THAT each year a man volunteers to take his children to the circus merely as a subterfuge to go himself.

307

THAT an elevator operator never succeeds in stopping his car on a level with the floor.

308

THAT San Francisco is a very gay place, and full of opium joints.

309

THAT all marriages with actresses turn out badly.

310

THAT they don't make any pianos today as good as the old square ones.

311

THAT a man who habitually clears his throat before he speaks is generally a self-important hypocrite and a bluffer.

312

THAT the penitentiaries of the United States contain a great number of hapless prisoners possessed of a genuine gift for poetry.

313

THAT if a cat gets into a room where a baby is sleeping, the cat will suck the baby's breath and kill it.

314

THAT all men named Clarence, Claude or Percy are sissies.

315

THAT a street car conductor steals every fifth nickel.

316

THAT the security of a bank is to be estimated in proportion to the solidity of the bank building.

317

THAT seventy-five per cent of all taxicab drivers have at one time or another been in Sing Sing.

318

THAT Maurice Maeterlinck, the Belgian Dr. Frank Crane, leads a monastic life.

319

THAT whenever a vaudeville comedian quotes a familiar commercial slogan, such as "His Master's Voice," or "Eventually, why not now?" he is paid $50 a performance for doing so.

320

THAT all Asiatic idols have large precious rubies in their foreheads.

321

THAT when the foe beheld Joan of Arc leading the French army against them, a look of terror froze their features and that, casting their arms from them, they broke into a frenzied and precipitate flight.

322

THAT the late King Edward VII as Prince of Wales easily got every girl he wanted.

323

THAT if you look upward and count a hundred stars before lowering your head, you will drop dead before you can take another step.

324

THAT it is bad luck for an actor or actress to whistle in the dressing-room.

325

THAT it bodes ill to the success of a production if the last speech of a play is ever spoken at the rehearsals.

326

THAT if you step over a grave in a cemetery, you will be the next one to be buried there.

327

THAT a great many persons are started on the dope habit because of a shot of morphine given them when ill.

328

THAT if one takes a hot bath on a hot day one will feel cooler than if one took a cold one.

329

THAT if you spill claret on the table-cloth and immediately sprinkle salt on the spot, it will promptly disappear.

330

THAT all the Creole girls in New Orleans in the years before the Civil War were of a ravishing pulchritude, and that the kiss of one of them was enough to send the blood pounding at the temples of an Eskimo octogenarian.

331

THAT one feels very humble and insignificant when looking at the Grand Canyon.

332

THAT railroad conductors always gather up the magazines left by the passengers and make a tidy sum by re-selling them to the newsdealers.

333

THAT one can buy a fine suit of clothes in London for fifteen dollars.

334

THAT the chicken salad served in restaurants is always made of veal.

335

THAT a play without a bed in it never makes any money in Paris.

336

THAT an oyster-shucker every month or so discovers a pearl which he goes out and sells for five hundred dollars.

337

THAT Conan Doyle would have made a wonderful detective.

338

THAT a napkin is always wrapped around a champagne bottle for the purpose of hiding the label, and that the quality of the champagne may be judged by the amount of noise the cork makes when it is popped.

339

THAT because a married woman remains loyal to her husband she loves him.

340

THAT every time one blows one's self to a particularly expensive cigar and leans back to enjoy one's self with a good smoke after a hearty and satisfying dinner, the cigar proceeds to burn down the side.

341

THAT when a police captain goes on a holiday he always gets boilingly drunk.

342

THAT if one hits a negro on the head with a cobblestone, the cobblestone will break.

343

THAT all nuns have entered convents because of unfortunate love affairs.

344

THAT, being surrounded by alcoholic beverages and believing the temptation would be irresistible once he began, a bartender in the old days never took a drink.

345

THAT a dark cigar is always a strong one.

346

THAT farmers afford particularly easy prey for book-agents and are the largest purchasers of cheap sets of Guy de Maupassant, Rudyard Kipling and O. Henry.

347

THAT George Washington never told a lie.

348

THAT all millionaires were born in small ramshackle houses situated near railroad tracks.

349

THAT the night air is poisonous.

350

THAT a hair from a horse's tail, if put into a bottle of water, will turn into a snake.

351

THAT if, after one lusty blow, a girl's birthday cake reveals nine candles still burning, it is a sign that it will be nine years before she gets married.

352

THAT it snowed every Christmas down to fifteen years ago.

353

THAT if a young woman finds a piece of tea leaf floating around the top of her tea cup, it is a sign that she will be married before the end of the year.

354

THAT, when sojourning in Italy, one always feels very lazy.

355

THAT if, while promenading, a girl and her escort walk on either side of a water hydrant or other obstruction instead of both walking 'round it on the same side, they will have a misunderstanding before the month is over.

356

THAT it is unlikely that a man and a woman who enter a hotel without baggage after 10 P. M. and register are man and wife.

357

THAT all country girls have clear, fresh, rosy complexions.

358

THAT chorus girls spend the time during the entr'-actes sitting around naked in their dressing-rooms telling naughty stories.

359

THAT champagne is the best of all wines.

360

THAT each year the Fourth of July exodus to the bathing beaches on the part of persons from the city establishes a new record.

361

THAT three-fourths of the inhabitants of Denver are lungers who have gone there for the mountain air.

362

THAT many soldiers' lives have been saved in battle by bullets lodging in Bibles which they have carried in their breast pockets.

363

THAT the people of Johnstown, Pa., still talk of nothing but the flood.

364

THAT there is no finer smell in the world than that of burning autumn leaves.

365

THAT Jules Verne anticipated all the great modern inventions.

366

THAT a man is always a much heartier eater than a woman.

367

THAT the late James Gordon Bennett, while cruising on his yacht in the Mediterranean, would frequently get up in the middle of the night and order the captain to make for the nearest port under full steam in order to dispatch a cablegram discharging a New York *Herald* police court reporter about whom he had just had an unpleasant dream.

368

THAT the freaks in circuses are very happy in private life, and that they always live together in the same boarding-house where they have lots of fun.

369

THAT all mules are very obstinate.

370

THAT it is impossible for a United States ambassador to live on his salary, and that only a very rich man can afford to accept such a post.

371

THAT, during and directly after the late war, you could have bought a magnificent castle on the Rhine for twelve dollars.

372

THAT the Queen of England wears very funny hats.

373

THAT if one kicks a horse in the slats and then gives it a lump of sugar, it will promptly forgive one and rub its nose lovingly against one's coat-sleeve.

374

THAT a guinea pig performs the act of adultery on an average of five hundred times a day.

375

THAT absence makes the heart grow fonder.

376

THAT you can't make bricks without straw.

377

THAT all the girls in Mr. Ziegfeld's "Follies" are extraordinarily seductive, and that at least 40 head of bank cashiers are annually guilty of tapping the till in order to buy them diamonds and Russian sables.

378

THAT a college sophomore is always a complete ignoramus.

379

THAT rubbers in wet weather are a preventive of colds.

380

THAT if one eats oysters in a month not containing an "r," one is certain to get ptomaine poisoning.

381

THAT a woman with a 7½-C foot always tries to squeeze it into a 4½-A shoe.

382

THAT no shop girl ever reads anything but Elinor Glyn, Ethel M. Hull and the cheap sex magazines.

383

THAT there is something peculiar about a man who wears a red tie.

384

THAT all Bolsheviki and Anarchists have whiskers.

385

THAT a sepia photograph of the Coliseum, framed, is a work of art.

386

THAT a man of fifty-five is always more experienced than a man of thirty-five.

387

THAT new Bermuda potatoes come from Bermuda.

388

THAT brunettes are more likely to grow stout in later years than blondes.

389

THAT the boy who regularly stands at the foot of his class in school always turns out in later life to be very successful.

390

THAT all the millionaires of Pittsburgh are very loud fellows, and raise merry hell with the chorus girls every time they go to New York.

391

THAT every time one crosses the English Channel one encounters rough weather and is very sea-sick.

392

THAT the Navajo blankets sold to trans-continental tourists by the Indians on the station platform at Albuquerque, New Mexico, are made by the Elite Novelty M'f'g. Co. of Passaic, N. J., and are bought by the Indians in lots of 1,000.

393

THAT it is hard to find any one in Hoboken, N. J., who can speak English.

394

THAT appendicitis is an ailment invented by surgeons twenty years ago for money-making purposes and that, in the century before that, no one was ever troubled with it.

395

THAT the ornamental daggers fashioned out of one hundred dollars' worth of Chinese coins strung together, which one buys in Pekin or Hong Kong for three dollars and a quarter, are fashioned out of one hundred dollars' worth of Chinese coins.

396

THAT the headwaiter in a fashionable restaurant has better manners than any other man in the place.

397

THAT a girl always likes best the man who is possessed of a cavalier politeness.

398

THAT the most comfortable room imaginable is one containing a great big open fireplace.

399

THAT a theatrical matinée performance is always inferior to an evening performance, the star being always eager to hurry up the show in order to get a longer period for rest before the night performance.

400

THAT a clergyman leads an easy and lazy life, and spends most of his time visiting women parishioners while their husbands are at work.

401

THAT it is almost sure death to eat cucumbers and drink milk at the same meal.

402

THAT no man can ever conceivably be a hero to his valet.

403

THAT the members of fashionable church choirs, during the sermon, engage in kissing and hugging behind the pipe-organ.

404

THAT women who are in society never pay any attention to their children, and wish that they would die.

405

THAT if one gets one's feet wet, one is sure to catch cold.

406

THAT all French women are very passionate, and will sacrifice everything to love.

407

THAT when a drunken man falls he never hurts himself.

408

THAT all farmers get out of bed long before daybreak, and that they begin plowing every morning before sunrise.

409

THAT nobody knows so well as the Southerner how to handle a nigger.

410

THAT all Chinese laundrymen sprinkle their laundry by taking a mouthful of water and squirting it out at their wash in a fine spray; and that, whatever the cost of living to a white man, the Chinese laundryman always lives on eight cents a day.

411

THAT the late Elbert Hubbard's "Message to Garcia" was read by all the monarchs of Europe, and that it made a very deep impression upon them.

412

THAT the Yankee is a very shrewd trader, and that in a business deal he can handily swindle anyone but a Scotchman or a Jew.

413

THAT it is almost impossible to get a theatrical manager to read a play, and that each such manager's office is stacked with thousands of manuscripts that have been accumulating dust since 1900.

414

THAT all the champagne one drinks today is made on Staten Island, and is manufactured by mixing bicarbonate of soda and witch hazel with ginger-ale.

415

THAT infant chess prodigies are actually fakes, and that they get the cues for their plays via a wire secreted under the table over which an adult expert telegraphs them what moves to make.

416

THAT Rabindranath Tagore is a great mystic, but that he needs a bath.

417

THAT the noises birds make constitute singing, and that the average nightingale possesses a more melodious voice than Schumann-Heink.

418

THAT if one goes to Central America, one is sure to come back with malaria.

419

THAT soldiers in the regular army have a very easy time of it in times of peace, and have nothing to do all day long but sit around and play pinochle.

420

THAT there is something comical about a pretzel.

421

THAT a pretty stenographer is never as competent as a homely one.

422

THAT newspaper reporters hear, every day, a great many thumping scandals that they fail to print, and that they refrain through considerations of honor.

423

THAT there is something wrong about a doctor who cracks jokes.

424

THAT it is very difficult to get a glass of water in a German restaurant.

425

THAT if one eats cucumbers and then goes in swimming, one will be seized with a cramp.

426

THAT hiccoughs may be stopped by counting slowly up to one hundred.

427

THAT when a doctor finds there is nothing the matter with a man who has come to consult him, he never frankly tells the man there's nothing wrong with him, but always gives him bread pills.

428

THAT the young East Side fellow who plays violin solos at the moving-picture theatre around the corner is so talented that, if he had the money to go to Europe to study, he would be a rival to Kreisler within three years.

429

THAT Paderewski, during the piano-playing days, wore a wig, and was actually as bald as a coot.

430

THAT beer is very fattening.

431

THAT when a city man walks across a pasture, he invariably steps into something that has been deposited there by a cow.

432

THAT, in a family crisis, the son always sticks to the mother and the daughter to the father.

433

THAT a girl who has made one misstep is sure to make another.

434

THAT lightning never strikes twice in the same place.

435

THAT no man of first-rate mental attainments ever goes in for dancing.

436

THAT a woman can't sharpen a lead pencil.

437

THAT on every trans-Atlantic steamer there are two smooth gamblers who, the moment the ship docks, sneak over the side with the large sum of money they have won from the passengers.

438

THAT if one gets out of bed on the left side in the morning, one has a mean disposition for the rest of the day.

439

THAT a woman who has led a loose life is so grateful for the respect shown her by the man who asks her to marry him that she makes the best kind of wife.

440

THAT fish is a brain food.

441

THAT street-corner beggars have a great deal of money hidden away at home under the kitchen floor.

442

THAT it is advisable for a young woman who takes gas when having a tooth pulled to be accompanied by some one, by way of precaution against the dentist.

443

THAT all girls educated in convents turn out in later life to be hell-raisers.

444

THAT a young girl may always safely be trusted with the kind of man who speaks of his mother.

445

THAT a nine-year-old boy who likes to play with toy steam engines is probably a born mechanical genius and should be educated to be an engineer.

446

THAT whenever an Italian begins to dress like an American and to drive a Dodge car, it is a sign he has taken to black-handing or has acquired an interest in the bootlegging trust.

447

THAT New York is a great place to have a good time in, but is no place to live.

448

THAT if one eats an apple every night before retiring, one will never be ill.

449

THAT all negroes born south of the Potomac can play the banjo and are excellent dancers.

450

THAT whenever a negro is educated he refuses to work and becomes a criminal.

451

THAT all celebrated professional humorists are in private life heavy and witless fellows.

452

THAT whenever a crowd of boys goes camping in summer two or three of them are drowned, and the rest come home suffering from poison ivy.

453

THAT, until the time of American intervention, the people of the Philippines were all cannibals, and displayed the heads of their fallen enemies on poles in front of their houses.

454

THAT, in the days when there were breweries, the men who drove beer-wagons drank 65 glasses of beer a head a day, and that it didn't hurt them because it came direct from the wood.

455

THAT whenever a will case gets into the courts, the lawyers gobble all the money, and the heirs come out penniless.

456

THAT every female moving-picture star carries on an intrigue with her leading man, and will marry him as soon as he can get rid of his poor first wife, who took in washing in order to pay for his education in the art of acting.

457

THAT the so-called "mist photography" of the movies can make a woman of fifty with a face like a dried apple look like a sixteen-year-old Helen of Troy.

458

THAT all trombone players, because of the strain on their lungs, eventually die of consumption.

459

THAT oysters are a great aphrodisiac.

460

THAT all the rich Jewish bankers of New York maintain flats in Harlem for their colored mistresses.

461

THAT all young Swedish girls are beautiful blondes, but that they have very large hips.

462

THAT appendicitis is the result of swallowing grape seeds.

463

THAT Professor Garner was able to carry on long and intimate conversations with monkeys in their own language.

464

THAT when a play is given in an insane asylum the inmates always laugh at the tragic moments and cry at the humorous moments.

465

THAT coal miners get so dirty that they have to wash so often that they are the cleanest workingmen in the world.

466

THAT the average French housewife can make such a soup out of the contents of a garbage-can that the eater will think he is at the Ritz.

467

THAT such authors as Dr. Frank Crane and Herbert Kaufman do not really believe what they write, but print it simply for the money that is in it.

468

THAT the average newspaper cartoonist makes $100,000 a year.

469

THAT if one sleeps with one's head on a high pillow one will be round-shouldered.

470

THAT if a girl takes the last cake off a plate she will die an old maid.

471

THAT men high in public affairs always read detective stories for diversion.

472

THAT the wireless news bulletins posted daily on ocean liners are made up on board.

473

THAT the Swiss, when they sing, always yodel.

474

THAT all German housewives are very frugal.

475

THAT if one holds a buttercup under a person's chin and a yellow light is reflected upon that person's chin, it is a sign that he likes butter.

476

THAT all penny-in-the-slot weighing machines make a fat woman lighter and a thin woman heavier.

477

THAT, in a certain anatomical respect, Japanese girls differ startlingly from Anglo-Saxon fair ones.

478

THAT when a Chinese laundryman hands one a slip for one's laundry, the Chinese letters which he writes on the slip have nothing to do with the laundry but are in reality a derogatory description of the owner.

479

THAT an old woman with rheumatism in her leg can infallibly predict when it is going to rain.

480

THAT in the period just before a woman's baby is born the woman's face takes on a peculiar spiritual and holy look.

481

THAT it is impossible for a man to learn how to thread a needle.

482

THAT there is something unmanly about a grown man playing the piano, save only when he plays it in a bordello.

483

THAT a couple of quinine pills, with a chaser of rye whiskey, will cure a cold.

484

THAT all Congressmen who voted for Prohibition are secret lushers and have heavy stocks of all sorts of liquors in their cellars.

485

THAT all the best cooks and dressmakers are men.

486

THAT a recent President of the United States was a great fellow with the gals, and used to carry on with a stock-company actress.

487

THAT all Japanese butlers are lieutenants in the Japanese Navy and that they read and copy all letters received by the folks they work for.

488

THAT the best way to stop nose-bleed is to drop a door-key down the patient's back.

489

THAT all negro prize-fighters marry white women, and that they afterward beat them.

490

THAT if a man drinks three glasses of buttermilk every day he will never be ill.

491

THAT a thunder-storm will cause milk to turn sour.

492

THAT the alligators of Florida are all very tame, and that they will eat out of a tourist's hand.

493

THAT whenever two Indians meet they greet each other with the word "How!"

494

THAT New Orleans is a very gay town and full of mysterious absinthe houses.

495

THAT gin is good for the kidneys.

496

THAT the English lower classes are so servile that they say "Thank you, sir," if one kicks them in the pantaloons.

497

THAT Virginians are a very snobbish people and that it is years before a Northern resident in a Virginia city can get an invitation to dine in one of their homes.

498

THAT the Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States all chew tobacco while hearing cases, but that they are very serious men otherwise, and never laugh, or look at a pretty girl, or get tight.

499

THAT the old negro mammy of ante-bellum days was the best cook in the world.

500

THAT all theatrical managers are Jews, and that most of them can scarcely speak English.

501

THAT a great many of women's serious diseases are due to high French heels.

502

THAT if one does not scratch a mosquito bite, it will stop itching.

503

THAT whenever one takes an umbrella with one, it doesn't rain.

504

THAT when a girl gives a man a pen-knife for a present, their friendship will come to an unhappy end unless he exercises the precaution to ward off bad luck by giving her a penny.

505

THAT all immigrants come to America in search of liberty, and that when they attempt to exercise it they should be immediately sent back.

506

THAT cinnamon drops are colored red with a dye-stuff manufactured out of the dried bodies of cochineal insects.

507

THAT the missionaries in China and Africa make fortunes robbing the natives they are sent out to convert.

508

THAT whenever there is a funeral in an Irish family the mourners all get drunk and proceed to assault one another with clubs.

509

THAT there is a revolution in Central America every morning before breakfast, and that the sole object of all the revolutionary chiefs is to seize the money in the public treasury and make off to Paris.

510

THAT in New York one never knows one's next-door neighbor.

511

THAT every negro servant girl spends at least half of her wages on preparations for taking the kink out of her hair.

512

THAT the licorice candy sold in cheap candy stores is made of old rubber boots.

513

THAT if a boy is given all he wants to drink at home he will not drink when he is away from home.

514

THAT the second-class passengers on a trans-Atlantic steamship always have more fun than the first-class passengers.

515

THAT a drunken man always pronounces every "s" as "sh."

516

THAT champagne will prevent seasickness.

517

THAT thin wrists and slender ankles are unmistakable signs of aristocratic breeding.

518

THAT when one asks a girl to go canoeing she always brings along a bright red or yellow sofa cushion.

519

THAT when a woman buys cigars for a man she always judges the quality of the cigars by the magnificence of the cigar-bands.

520

THAT candle light makes a woman forty-five years old look fifteen years younger.

521

THAT the winters in the United States are a good deal less cold than they used to be, and that the change has been caused by the Gulf Stream.

522

THAT the Thursday matinées given by Chauncey Olcott used to be attended only by Irish servant girls.

523

THAT if George Bernard Shaw were not a vegetarian and ate meat the love scenes in his plays would take on a passion and conviction which they do not presently possess.

524

THAT all the young men from the Argentine have sleek black hair, are excellent tango dancers and earn a living as gigolos.

525

THAT every American with German blood in him loves Germany.

526

THAT a book-agent always has the door slammed in his face.

527

THAT consumptives are always perfectly confident that they will recover, and are extremely happy and cheerful up to the moment they die.

528

THAT whenever a rich American girl marries a foreign nobleman he at once gets hold of all her money, then beats her and then runs away with an actress.

529

THAT if one begins eating peanuts one cannot stop.

530

THAT a bachelor never has any one to sew the buttons on his clothes.

531

THAT whenever a dog wags his tail it is a sign that he is particularly happy.

532

THAT an Italian street laborer can do a hard day's work on one large plate of spaghetti.

533

THAT if one breaks a mirror one will have bad luck for seven years.

534

THAT two men seldom agree that the same girl is good-looking.

535

THAT in the infinitesimal space of time between the springing of the trap-door and his dropping through it, a hanged man sees his entire life pass in panorama before him.

536

THAT the first time a boy smokes a cigar he always becomes deathly sick.

537

THAT whereas a man always hopes his first child will be a boy, his wife always hopes that it will be a girl.

538

THAT when Washington crossed the Delaware, he stood up in the bow of the boat holding aloft a large American flag.

539

THAT a woman always makes a practice of being deliberately late in keeping an appointment with a man.

540

THAT if, encountering a savage beast in the jungle, one falls upon the ground, lies still and pretends that one is dead, the savage beast will promptly make off and not hurt one.

541

THAT it is always twice as hard to get rid of a summer cold as to get rid of a winter cold.

542

THAT if one sits in front of the Café de la Paix, in Paris, one will soon or late see everybody in the world that one knows.

543

THAT a soft speaking voice is the invariable mark of a well-bred man.

544

THAT the persons who most vociferously applaud the playing of "Dixie" in the restaurants are all Northerners who have never been farther south than Allentown, Pa.

545

THAT the larger the dog, the safer he is for children.

546

THAT nine times out of ten when one is in pain, and a doctor assures one that he is squirting morphine into one's arm, what he is really squirting in is only warm water.

547

THAT Catholic priests never solicit money from their parishioners, but merely assess them so much a head, and make them pay up instantly.

548

THAT a German civilian, before the war, had to get off the sidewalk whenever an army lieutenant approached him on the street, and that, if he failed to do so instantly, the lieutenant was free to run him through with his sword.

549

THAT while it may be possible, in every individual case of spiritualist communication with the dead, to prove fraud by the medium, the accumulated effect of such communications is to demonstrate the immortality of the soul.

550

THAT an Italian who earns and saves $1,000 in America can take the money home, invest it in an estate, and live like a rich man thereafter.

551

THAT all Mormons, despite the laws against it, still practise polygamy, and that they have agents all over the world recruiting cuties for their harems.

552

THAT when a man goes to a photographer's to have his picture taken, the knowledge that he is having his picture taken always makes him very self-conscious, thus causing him to assume an expression which results in the photograph being an inaccurate likeness.

553

THAT if the lower line on the palm of one's hand is a long one, it is a sign that one is going to live to a ripe old age.

554

THAT Italian counts, before the war, always used to make their expenses when they came to America by acting as wine agents.

555

THAT a Russian peasant, in the days of the czar, drank two quarts of vodka a day.

556

THAT a German farmer can raise more produce on one acre of land than an American can raise on a hundred.

557

THAT Hoboken, New Jersey, is full of esoteric saloons where you can still get excellent beer, and that the federal agents leave them alone because the government desires to show the Germans living there that it holds nothing against them because of the late war.

558

THAT a boil on the neck purifies the blood and is worth $1,000.

559

THAT terrapin is so plentiful in Maryland that you can get a soup-plate full of it for seventy-five cents.

560

THAT whenever a Frenchman comes home unexpectedly, some friend of the family makes a quick sneak out of the back door.

561

THAT an orchestra composed of women can never be any good.

562

THAT there is something very tricky about the eating of spaghetti, and that only a born wop is privy to the technique of mastering the feat.

563

THAT the gipsies who go about the country are all horse-thieves, and that they will put a spell upon the cattle of any farmer who has them arrested for stealing his mare.

564

THAT every bachelor of easy means has an illicit affair with a grass widow in a near-by city and is the father of several illegitimate children.

565

THAT a country editor receives so many presents of potatoes, corn, rutabagas, asparagus, country ham, carrots, turnips, etc., that he never has to buy any food.

566

THAT whenever news reached him of another Federal disaster Abraham Lincoln would laugh it off with a very funny and often somewhat smutty story, made up on the spot.

567

THAT George Washington died of a heavy cold brought on by swimming the Potomac in the heart of winter to visit a yellow girl on the Maryland shore.

568

THAT old baseball players always take to booze, and so end their days either as panhandlers, as night watchmen or as janitors of Odd Fellows' halls.

569

THAT the late King Leopold of Belgium left 350 illegitimate children.

570

THAT if one pours hot coffee into a glass the glass will break unless one exercises the precaution to put a spoon in it.

571

THAT the sort of woman who carries around a Pomeranian dog, if she should ever have a child inadvertently, would give the mid-wife $500 to make away with it.

572

THAT Quakers, for all their religion, are always very sharp traders and have a great deal of money hidden away in banks.

573

THAT all negroes who show any intelligence whatever are actually two-thirds white, and the sons of United States Senators.

574

THAT the late Senator Henry Cabot Lodge was a very brainy man, though somewhat stuck up.

575

THAT if one eats ice-cream after lobster one will be doubled up by belly-ache.

576

THAT a woman likes to go to a bargain sale, fight her way to the counter, and have pins stuck into her and her feet mashed by other women.

577

THAT, if one swallows an ounce of olive oil before going to a banquet, one will not get drunk.

578

THAT a mud-turtle is so tenacious of life that if one cuts off his head a new one will grow in its place.

579

THAT the only things farmers read are government documents and patent-medicine almanacs.

580

THAT, in war, enemy soldiers are more concupiscent than the members of the home army.

581

THAT Italian children, immediately they leave the cradle, are sewed into their underclothes, and that they never get a bath thereafter until they are confirmed.

582

THAT all Catholic priests are very hearty eaters, and have good wine cellars.

583

THAT politics in America would be improved by turning all the public offices over to business men.

584

THAT the most faithful and loving of all dogs is the Newfoundland.

585

THAT one never sees a Frenchman drunk, all the souses whom one sees in Paris being Americans.

586

THAT a daughter is always a much greater comfort to a mother in after life than a son.

587

THAT a man with a weak, receding chin is always a nincompoop.

588

THAT English butlers always look down on their American employers, and frequently have to leave the room to keep from laughing out loud.

589

THAT the moment a nigger gets eight dollars, he goes to a dentist and has one of his front teeth filled with gold.

590

THAT a man always dislikes his mother-in-law, and goes half-crazy every time she visits him.

591

THAT St. Louis in summer is the hottest place in the world.

592

THAT all the men in the moving picture business were formerly cloak and suit merchants, and that they are now all millionaires.

593

THAT the accumulation of money makes a man hard, and robs him of all his finer qualities.

594

THAT, in an elevator, it is always a man who usurps the looking-glass.

595

THAT it is very unlucky to wear an opal.

596

THAT if a man's eyebrows meet, it is a sign that he has a very unpleasant nature.

597

THAT a negro ball always ends up in a grand free-for-all fight, in which several dinges are mortally slashed with razors.

598

THAT twenty city blocks always make a mile.

599

THAT monkey-glands will restore a man of 85 to the vigor of 21, and cause him to elope with a Swedish servant-girl and become the father of twins.

600

THAT the Pullman conductor always has a lower berth in reserve and can fix it for you if he is properly approached.

601

THAT if an understudy makes a hit, the regular actor or actress immediately gets well and never misses another performance.

602

THAT whenever Stonewall Jackson prayed before a battle, it was a sure sign that the fighting was going to be very sanguinary and that lots of Yankees would be out of luck.

603

THAT Aaron Burr possessed an irresistible charm for all the women with whom he came into contact, and that the virtue of even the most strait-laced was a very poor risk if left in a room alone with him as long as ten minutes.

604

THAT all school-children are inordinately happy but don't know it.

605

THAT a goat will wax fat on a diet of tin cans and back numbers of the *Saturday Evening Post.*

606

THAT a little girl who is markedly pretty between the years of six and ten will probably lose all of her physical charms before she is grown; and that one who, at the same age, is hideously ugly will probably develop into a rare beauty.

607

THAT very ugly people are usually fascinating.

608

THAT all English schoolboys call their fathers "pater" and write excellent Latin verse.

609

THAT no atheist has ever seriously contemplated the stars or the growth of a jimpson weed.

610

THAT any English naval officer can easily drink a quart of whiskey in an evening and show no signs of intoxication.

611

THAT the movie editors steal all of the good plots from the scenarios which amateurs have submitted.

612

THAT it takes the united efforts of a large Persian family forty years to make one dining-room rug.

613

THAT whenever grown people talk scandal in the presence of children, the little tots promptly rush off to the neighbors and repeat it.

614

THAT, no matter how serious were the immediate concerns of state and no matter how sorely pressed for time he was, Abraham Lincoln would always cause to be ushered into his presence at once any mother who came to plead with him for her son.

615

THAT one always feels depressed on a rainy day, but that the moment the sun comes out again one feels gay and cheerful.

616

THAT a suit of clothes made in England will last for years and never wear out, whereas one made in America will go to pieces in a relatively short time.

617

THAT one hour's sleep before midnight is worth two after midnight.

618

THAT candy ruins the teeth.

619

THAT the chief duty of a fireman, when not engaged in answering alarms, is to sit next to a warm fire in the hose-house and play checkers.

620

THAT only about one out of every hundred American citizens has any idea of the real issues of the campaign when he votes on election day.

621

THAT an illegitimate child is always more or less gifted with artistic promptings, and usually turns out to be a poet or a violinist.

622

THAT a circus is never as good as its posters lead one to believe.

623

THAT paper-hangers leave a room in a complete mess after they have finished their work.

624

THAT buttermilk is excellent for the complexion.

625

THAT one can infallibly tell a cigar is a good one if the ashes remain on the end and don't fall off.

626

THAT all press-agents are liars.

627

THAT jewelers, in cleaning or repairing costly baubles, invariably remove the original stones and insert others made of paste.

628

THAT if one steps on a rusty tack one will inevitably get lock-jaw.

629

THAT it helps a young man in business if he grows a moustache.

630

THAT barbers are inordinately loquacious.

631

THAT having a baby interferes with an actress' career.

632

THAT when one takes one's best girl buggy riding the horse never respects the situation.

633

THAT when one buys a promising-looking package at a sale of unclaimed freight, it always contains a set of burglar tools or the collected works of F. Marion Crawford.

634

THAT the French steamship lines serve excellent wine gratis.

635

THAT a policeman is never around when he is wanted.

636

THAT the negro is absolutely unreliable, and that it is impossible to count upon his doing what he promises to do.

637

THAT the slit in a cat's eye, while vertical in daylight, is horizontal in the dark.

638

THAT the invariable dessert in a third-rate boarding house is stewed prunes.

639

THAT Christmas Eve is a terrible time for a bachelor and that his loneliness on that occasion is so acute that he is seized with an overwhelming melancholia and contemplates suicide.

640

THAT there are many baggage stores in New York that make a specialty of cheap cardboard suitcases, each containing a brick, for the use of unmarried philanderers who wish to register for the night at hotels.

641

THAT millionaires who collect rare first editions never know anything about literature, merely buy them to embellish their libraries, and actually read nothing but the *Saturday Evening Post* and the *Detective Story Magazine.*

642

THAT department store sales are always fakes, and that they mark down a few things to attract the women and then swindle them by lifting the prices on things they actually want.

643

THAT chorus girls in the old days got so tired of drinking champagne that the sound of a cork popping made them shudder.

644

THAT John D. Rockefeller has a great mind, and would make a fine President if it were not for his craze for money.

645

THAT all the Jews who were drafted during the late war were put into the Quartermaster's Department on account of their extraordinary business acumen.

646

THAT a jury never convicts a pretty woman.

647

THAT whenever a woman guest, fashionably dressed, takes the baby of the house in her lap, the baby disgraces itself.

648

THAT the Massachusetts troops, after the first battle of Bull Run, didn't stop running until they reached Harrisburg, Pa.

649

THAT General Grant was always soused during a battle, and that on the few occasions when he was sober he got licked.

650

THAT the late King Edward used to carry on in Paris at such a gait that he shocked even the Parisians.

651

THAT it takes an Englishman two days to see a joke, and that he always gets it backward even then.

652

THAT 100,000 abortions are performed in Chicago every year.

653

THAT if a bat flies into a woman's hair, the hair must be cut off to get it out.

654

THAT all the women in Chicago have very large feet.

655

THAT on cold nights policemen always sneak into stables on their beats and go to sleep.

656

THAT all the schoolboys in Boston have bulged brows, wear large spectacles and can read Greek.

657

THAT all dachshunds come from Germany.

658

THAT nine out of every ten Frenchmen have syphilis.

659

THAT the frankfurters sold at circuses and pleasure parks are made of dog meat.

660

THAT all the cheaper brands of cigarettes are sophisticated with drugs, and in time cause those who smoke them to get softening of the brain.

661

THAT rock-and-rye will cure a cold.

662

THAT a country boy armed with a bent pin can catch more fish than a city angler with the latest and most expensive tackle.

663

THAT red-haired girls are especially virulent.

664

THAT all gamblers eventually go broke.

665

THAT it is unlucky to put your hat on a bed.

666

THAT an elephant in a circus never forgets a person who gives him a chew of tobacco or a rotten peanut, but will single him out from a crowd years afterward and bash in his head with one colossal blow.

667

THAT the worst actress in the company is always the manager's wife.

668

THAT an old sock makes the best wrapping for a sore throat.

669

THAT lighting three cigarettes with one match will bring some terrible calamity upon one or another of the three smokers.

670

THAT milking a cow is an operation demanding a special talent that is possessed only by yokels, and that a person born in a large city can never hope to acquire it.

671

THAT whenever there is a rough-house during a strike, it is caused by foreign anarchists who are trying to knock out American idealism.

672

THAT whenever Prohibition is enforced in a region populated by negroes, they take to morphine, heroin and other powerful drugs, and begin murdering all of the white inhabitants.

673

THAT the Swiss army, though small, is so strong that not even the German army in its palmy days could have invaded Switzerland, and that it is strong because all Swiss are patriots to the death.

674

THAT when two Frenchmen fight a duel, whether with pistols or with swords, neither of them is ever hurt half so much as he would have been had he fought an honest American wearing boxing-gloves.

675

THAT, whatever the demerits of Jews otherwise, they are always very kind to their old parents.

676

THAT all the great writers of the world now use typewriters.

677

THAT all the movie stars have million dollar homes in California, each equipped with a large ballroom, a marble swimming pool and an opium den.

678

THAT all Presidents of the United States get many hot tips on the stock-market, but that they are too honorable to play them, and so turn them over to their wives, who make fortunes out of them.

679

THAT the King of England is a complete dumbbell and doesn't know what to say on any public occasion unless prompted in advance by the Prime Minister, who snickers at him behind his cuff.

680

THAT a witty man is never a genuinely intelligent man, and that he resorts to humor to conceal his intellectual shortcomings.

681

THAT a man with a title can never produce literature as good as a man without one.

682

THAT Jimmy Walker, the mayor of New York, carouses every night until dawn and is a steady patron of all the cabarets.

683

THAT the whiskey sold in blind-pigs contains wood alcohol and causes those who drink it to go blind.

684

THAT all glass blowers soon or late die of consumption.

685

THAT George M. Cohan and Irving Berlin can only play the piano with one finger.

686

THAT all women who go in bathing at the French seaside resorts affect very naughty one-piece bathing suits.

687

THAT farmers always go into gold mine swindles because of the magnificently embossed stock certificates.

688

THAT the Germans eat six regular meals a day, and between times stave off their appetite with numerous Schweitzer cheese sandwiches, blutwurst, dill-pickles and beer.

689

THAT David Belasco teaches his actresses how to express emotion by knocking them down and pulling them around the stage by the hair.

690

THAT only Americans travel in the first class carriages of foreign railway trains, and that fashionable Englishmen always travel third class.

691

THAT Elihu Root is an intellectual giant, and that it is a pity the suspicion of him among farmers makes it impossible to elect him President.

692

THAT wealthy society women never wear their pearl necklaces in public, but always keep them at home in safes and wear indistinguishable imitations instead.

693

THAT the late Charles Yerkes had no less than twenty girls, for each of whom he provided a Fifth Avenue mansion and a yearly income of $50,000.

694

THAT when one goes to a railroad station to meet some one, the train is never on time.

695

THAT Englishwomen are very cold.

696

THAT all doctors write prescriptions illegibly.

697

THAT the theatregoers in the Scandinavian countries care for nothing but Ibsen and Strindberg.

698

THAT the bell-hops in the leading New York hotels are extremely sophisticated and blasé.

699

THAT lemon juice will remove freckles.

700

THAT if a woman wears a string of amber beads she will never get a sore throat.

701

THAT no well-bred person ever chews gum.

702

THAT all actors sleep till noon, and spend the afternoon calling on women.

703

THAT the men who make sauerkraut press it into barrels by jumping on it with their bare feet.

704

THAT one can never understand the names of stations or streets when they are called out by railroad or street-car conductors.

705

THAT when the weather man predicts rain it always turns out fair, and that when he predicts fair it always rains.

706

THAT it is very dangerous for a young girl of good morals to work as a model in a cloak-and-suit house.

707

THAT the five-cent cigars of twenty years ago were every bit as good as the cigars one has to pay a quarter for today.

708

THAT all the Egyptian guides who accompany tourists across the Sahara desert are thieves and worse, and that they would murder anyone for a dollar.

709

THAT the best way to see England is to ride through it on a bicycle.

710

THAT the average New Yorker doesn't know Grant's Tomb from the Aquarium.

711

THAT whenever a group of men get together they immediately begin discussing booze and women.

712

THAT if a woman gives a man a letter to mail, it will remain in his pocket for a week.

713

THAT there is something the matter with a man who can tell a Louis XV clock from a salt cellar by Benvenuto Cellini.

714

THAT it is always necessary to tie ribbons on the wrists of twins to keep Beulah from being confused with Otto.

715

THAT being in love with a beautiful woman is a great inspiration to an artist.

716

THAT Prohibition, whatever its faults, is a good thing for the workingman.

717

THAT all long-haired men are effeminate, and all short-haired women are masculine.

718

THAT Abraham Lincoln was the originator of the smoking-car story.

719

THAT all young widows prolong the period of mourning if they think black becoming.

720

THAT the editorial staff of *The New Masses* is composed entirely of anarchists, who are very violent characters.

721

THAT all of Woodrow Wilson's shortcomings were due to his having been a college professor.

722

THAT if a sailor dies on board a ship, a shark becomes promptly cognizant of the fact and proceeds to follow the ship all the way across the ocean.

723

THAT the *Boston Transcript* is written entirely by college professors, and that its English is so good that common people can't understand it.

724

THAT no woman can throw straight, and that if she aims a brick at the mantelpiece it will hit the bookcase behind her.

725

THAT dramatic critics get many invitations from beautiful actresses to dine with them alone in their boudoirs, and that the beautiful actresses there make love to them in order to get good notices.

726

THAT all negroes have perfect white teeth.

727

THAT a sharp man may for ten cents often pick up in a second-hand book-store a book that is worth a hundred dollars.

728

THAT while the days in California are very warm, the evenings are always so cool that one has to wear an overcoat.

729

THAT the mutual confidences of boarding-school girls are very racy.

730

THAT the late Grover Cleveland was a great booze-fighter, and used to carry on like a drunken sailor at the White House.

731

THAT if one sleeps with the moonlight shining full in one's face, one will go insane.

732

THAT if one's nose itches, it is a sign that someone is coming to visit.

733

THAT both Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis were the illegitimate sons of Henry Clay.

734

THAT a negro who wears gold-rimmed spectacles never actually needs them, but affects them because they make him look intelligent.

735

THAT all the officers of the United States Navy, before the day of Josephus Daniels, were terrific boozers, and that it was a common thing for them to run a battleship ashore, at a cost to the taxpayers of $9,000,000.

736

THAT when one asks a bell-boy in a hotel in Buda-Pest to get one's suit pressed, he reappears in a few minutes with a large blonde.

737

THAT the description of the Battle of the Marne in "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" is a wonderful piece of writing.

738

THAT the liquid contained in the centre of many golf balls will cause instant total blindness.

739

THAT if one spills salt, one should throw a pinch over one's left shoulder to ward off ill luck.

740

THAT carrying a nutmeg in one's pocket will prevent rheumatism.

741

THAT when one sees a red-headed woman, one is sure to see a white horse within a block.

742

THAT it is bad luck to see the new moon over one's left shoulder.

743

THAT when some one walks between a couple, each of them should say "bread and butter" to ward off a quarrel.

744

THAT a piece of bread and butter, if dropped, will always fall butter side down.

745

THAT, before the war, whenever the American ambassador in Berlin attended a diplomatic function he would be insulted by German high officials who would crack jokes about the United States.

746

THAT rapping on wood will ward off calamity.

747

THAT if one's feet hurt, it is a sign that it is going to rain.

748

THAT if one dreams of falling and dreams that one lands, one will never awaken and will be dead.

749

THAT if one saves the pennies, the dollars will save themselves.

750

THAT to have a black cat cross one's path means bad luck.

751

THAT when a man consults his watch he always forgets what time it is the instant after he has replaced it in his pocket.

752

THAT when a business man telephones his wife that he is unavoidably detained at the office he has some nefarious enterprise on foot.

753

THAT most great men owe their success to their wives.

754

THAT recreation is effected merely by a change of work.

755

THAT a man who has taken large quantities of liquor invariably wakes up the next morning with a splitting headache and a dark brown taste in his mouth.

756

THAT West Pointers stand for hours holding playing cards between their shoulder-blades to make themselves straight-shouldered.

757

THAT when a man brings home flowers or a box of candy to his wife he has been guilty of something naughty.

758

THAT the photographs you see in newspapers are never those of the persons whose names appear under them.

759

THAT the modern farmer, in the east, derives his chief income from boarding city folks in the summertime.

760

THAT the birth of a child will insure harmony between its parents.

761

THAT women are more merciless to their own sex than men are.

762

THAT a widow is invariably expert in the arts of amour.

763

THAT Clara Morris was so good in "Camille" because she used to go around to the hospitals and study the way women suffering from tuberculosis died.

764

THAT one can buy practically everything in Kokomo that is on sale in the Rue de la Paix.

765

THAT home-cooking is far more appetizing than that in the best restaurant.

766

THAT all graduates of Harvard wear horn-rimmed spectacles and speak with a marked English accent.

767

THAT before the Volstead act nobody ever attempted a round of golf without drinking ten cocktails, and that since national Prohibition the average player has reduced his record for the course by at least five strokes.

768

THAT a young man who fails in business invariably dances the tango with great skill.

769

THAT no traveler ever remembers anything of Rome except the fact that he paid $7 a day for his room and had to walk down the hallway to get a bath.

770

THAT neither of the parties to a stage kiss derives any enjoyment from it.

771

THAT no college professor understands baseball, but that every college professor sneaks off at periodic intervals to enjoy a good hot burlesque show.

772

THAT all insane people insist that they are sane.

773

THAT tailors do not mind how long you keep them waiting for their money.

774

THAT, if a woman constantly bleaches her hair, she is in danger of going insane.

775

THAT garrulous people never have anything worth saying.

776

THAT most people would steal a million dollars if they were sure they'd never be caught.

777

THAT only millionaires go to Newport.

778

THAT no one ever gets a full night's sleep in a sleeping-car.

779

THAT the beer you brew at home is just as good as that made in Munich.

780

THAT it is possible to overcome seasickness by sucking the juice of a lemon.

781

THAT all men who wear beards do so in order to conceal weak chins.

782

THAT the futurist painters are all crazy.

783

THAT, if you lend money, you lose the friendship of the recipient of your kindness.

784

THAT any play by a Russian author is sordid and certain to give one the blues.

785

THAT newspaper reporters can write without difficulty, no matter how much noise and confusion is around them.

786

THAT lots of fashionable people eat at Childs' restaurants simply because they like good griddle cakes and coffee.

787

THAT as soon as the American Army landed in France half of the men in each French company were allowed to go home to help their wives swindle the Americans.

788

THAT a man who has five children stands more chance of being elected President than a man who has none.

789

THAT opportunity comes at least once to every man.

790

THAT all artists are impractical.

791

THAT people who live in New York never have a moment to themselves.

792

THAT the reason bachelors hate to visit happily married couples is that it makes them miserable with envy.

793

THAT widows are far more dangerous than débutantes.

794

THAT women who worry about losing their beauty age much faster than those who don't.

795

THAT the dyes used for Easter eggs are poisonous, and that they soak through the shells and make the eating of the eggs dangerous.

796

THAT a bachelor is a very untidy fellow, and that the floors of his living quarters are always a mess of soiled linen and cigarette butts.

797

THAT, before the honeymoon is over, a new husband always has momentary regrets that he embarked on a matrimonial career and wishes that he were back in the pool-room with the boys.

798

THAT a hotel detective can always readily be spotted as the man in the blue suit and derby hat who is to be observed leaning against the Western Union telegraph desk.

799

THAT wealthy persons contribute to charitable organizations only to get their names in the papers.

800

THAT every case of embezzlement or murder involves a woman.

801

THAT a negro woman can never enumerate her husbands.

802

THAT all respectable citizens simply have never been found out.

803

THAT all sailors collect parrakeets and monkeys in foreign ports.

804

THAT the officials of the British government stand in great awe of George Bernard Shaw's mind and tremble in fear as to what he will say next to make them ridiculous.

805

THAT the fakirs in India can throw a cloth on the ground, mumble a few mystic words and make a small tree sprout from the earth.

806

THAT it is impossible to raise children properly in a large city.

807

THAT if you cut a worm into three or four pieces, each piece will presently sprout a new head and there will be three or four worms where before there was only one.

808

THAT all lady poets are loose and have many affairs with English novelists over here on lecture tours.

809

THAT it is very dangerous to drink from a glass in a Chinese restaurant, as one is likely to get *spirochæta pallida* if one does so.

810

THAT Arthur Brisbane writes everything that Hearst's name is signed to.

811

THAT motion-picture directors always throw away the working script after the first scene, and make up the action as the story progresses.

812

THAT all patent-medicines are hooch in disguise.

813

THAT seagulls fly around and around, never alighting until they drop dead from exhaustion.

814

THAT the pants-makers who crowd Fifth Avenue below Thirty-second Street every noon are all Bolsheviks and are secretly plotting the violent overthrow of the United States Government.

815

THAT country garage-keepers sprinkle the nearby roads with crushed glass.

816

THAT revenue officials imbibe at least three-fourths of the booze that they confiscate.

817

THAT any dish which has a French name is covered with a sauce that looks like glue.

818

THAT clergymen slip on store collars with ties attached whenever they leave their sacred duties, and raise hell in general.

819

THAT no matter how badly she wants to be kissed, a girl will demur for a time just to make things interesting.

820

THAT a young man who inherits $100,000 invariably squanders his fortune before he is thirty-five.

821

THAT all the most successful sirens are blondes.

822

THAT rich women invariably dress in dowdy fashion and are mistaken for the servants of their French maids.

823

THAT farm-hands begin each day by eating three dozen pancakes.

824

THAT deacons drive hard bargains.

825

THAT women who are able to afford servants wear kimonos during the greater part of the day and read the best sellers.

826

THAT men who commute finally grow not to mind it.

827

THAT suburbanites always leave a play before it is over so that they can catch the last train home.

828

THAT all the poetry in magazines is bad, and is accepted merely to fill up blank spaces at the bottom of a page.

829

THAT trapeze performers often fall on purpose, in order to convince the audience of the difficulties of their profession.

830

THAT steamer acquaintances never become real friends.

831

THAT the woman writer in an evening newspaper who gives advice to the lovelorn is invariably a man with a flowing beard.

832

THAT all moving picture scenarios fetch fabulous prices.

833

THAT there are a vast number of desperate underworld characters who will engage to murder anybody for a sum not exceeding one dollar and fifty cents.

834

THAT when one of the ultra-fashionable set gives a house-party the guests do nothing but lounge around, drink cocktails, and engage in a great deal of very sophisticated repartee.

835

THAT cockroaches born in the morning are great-grandfathers before evening.

836

THAT French ladies' maids during their idle moments amuse themselves by peeping through the key-holes of bedroom doors.

837

THAT women search their husbands' pants pockets at night and appropriate all the loose change.

838

THAT to drop a dish-rag signifies that company is coming.

839

THAT one can greatly increase one's chest expansion by standing in front of an open window every morning and taking twenty-five deep breaths.

840

THAT if a demi-rep really falls in love with a man she is always faithful to him to the bitter end.

841

THAT when one swallows a needle it travels through the body for years and years and ultimately emerges somewhere in the region of the little toe.

842

THAT if a young swain can watch his girl eat corn on the cob and still have any love for her, his affection is genuine.

843

THAT the cooks who prepare griddle cakes in the windows of Childs' restaurants are all expert jugglers.

844

THAT a man who lives to be a hundred years old always takes a glass of whiskey a day and uses tobacco freely.

845

THAT at every fashionable wedding there are present no less than a dozen detectives who are engaged to watch the valuable gifts, and that nobody can ever distinguish them from the guests.

846

THAT if one is having bad luck in a card game a great change of fortune is effected by walking around one's chair.

847

THAT all policemen have unduly large feet.

848

THAT old ladies enjoy attending a funeral and that they always obtain front-row seats.

849

THAT when a man on the streets gazes at a woman wearing abbreviated skirts his evil nature is awakened, but that if he were to see the same woman in a bathing suit the sight of her would leave him cold.

850

THAT when an old maid retires at night she always looks under the bed for a burglar, and that if she were to discover one she would immediately lock the door and throw the key out of the window.

851

THAT if China could organize an army in proportion to its population it could conquer the world in about three weeks.

852

THAT when a Frenchman gets in a free-for-all fight he always strikes out with his feet instead of his fists.

853

THAT it is extremely hazardous to drink well-water in the dark as one is likely to swallow a pollywog.

854

THAT the director of an orchestra makes a great many gestures merely to show off and that the music would be almost as good if there were no leader at all.

855

THAT when a child is having its photograph taken it will remain very quiet if one tells it that a little bird is about to emerge from the camera.

856

THAT people of Oriental blood always have very wily natures and that they glide about without making a sound.

857

THAT when a military spy is caught he always has in his possession a small but extremely valuable piece of paper which he immediately proceeds to chew up and swallow.

858

THAT middle-aged widows are very fond of college boys.

859

THAT the headwaiter in every fashionable restaurant owns a block of apartments and a Rolls-Royce.

860

THAT the first thing the Bolsheviks did in Russia was to nationalize the women, and that all of the most toothsome cuties were reserved for Trotsky and Lenin.

861

THAT no matter how angry a woman may be at her husband he can always appease her wrath by giving her enough money to buy a new hat.

862

THAT during the late war a great many society girls who acted as nurses cut up high jinks with the young soldiers.

863

THAT when people who are unaccustomed to money inherit a fortune their existence is likely to become very miserable.

864

THAT a person's sensations while drowning are rather agreeable and that on the whole it is a very pleasant death.

865

THAT if the man in the end seat of a trolley car yawns, every one else in the car will soon also be yawning.

866

THAT before long all the money in the country will be in the hands of the Jews.

867

THAT cows have very sad eyes.

868

THAT raspberries taste better when eaten off the bush.

869

THAT all men over forty boast of their prowess in the arts of amour, and that all of them are frauds.

870

THAT Europeans believe that every American is a millionaire.

871

THAT one can always trust a boy who is good to his mother.

872

THAT rain water is excellent for the complexion.

873

THAT the public thoroughfares are never actually in need of repair, but that they are pulled up periodically in order that supporters of the political party in power who are in the contract business may profit by a little extra graft.

874

THAT it is a waste of time for a boy to study Latin and Greek.

875

THAT tan shoes are cooler on the feet in summer than black ones.

876

THAT a farmer never wears garters, and that his socks are always falling down over the tops of his shoes.

877

THAT the average Jap is so expert at jiu-jitsu that, if attacked by half a dozen truck-drivers, he can handily dispose of all of them.

878

THAT the mounted policemen in Central Park are all very handsome and frequently marry Fifth Avenue heiresses.

879

THAT every bootblack in New York attends every Italian opera at the Metropolitan.

880

THAT the scrubwomen who work in the skyscrapers down in Wall Street after midnight are all supporting sons who are studying scientific agriculture in the large eastern universities.

881

THAT all French poets stay hooched up on absinthe and produce their most sublime works when in a semi-demented condition.

882

THAT all Irishmen are very witty, and when engaged in an argument invariably crush their opponents with a final excruciatingly funny remark.

883

THAT all professors at German universities spend their evenings in beer-gardens, and that each one slowly sips from twenty-five to forty steins of lager before retiring.

884

THAT people who are born rich are never vain, and that people who are born poor and later become rich are always vain.

885

THAT laundry wagon drivers are mostly college graduates.

886

THAT if an Irishman were shipwrecked on a cannibal island he would be married to the chief's daughter and running the joint inside of a week.

887

THAT all Methodist deacons, when they visit a city, get hilariously drunk and spend their time at leg shows and disreputable resorts.

888

THAT a frost kills disease germs.

889

THAT when a hard boiled guy gets married he usually becomes so respectable that it hurts.

890

THAT a pitcher on a baseball team is not expected to hit.

891

THAT Darwin said the human race was descended from monkeys.

892

THAT when Italians make wine they always press the grapes with their bare feet.

893

THAT all star intercollegiate sprinters die of enlargement of the heart.

894

THAT people with red hair are more directly descended from monkeys than the rest of mankind.

895

THAT professors are absent-minded, that they often come to their classes minus collar or tie, and that they sometimes walk into other people's homes by mistake while engrossed in deep thought.

896

THAT Edgar Allan Poe wrote all his stuff while sobering up after sprees, and that he was always drunk except when he took morphine.

897

THAT when they drop anything on the floor in a canning factory they put it into the can without washing it, no matter how dirty the floor is.

898

THAT a Chinaman may kill his wife for less than nothing, and need never even go into court to explain his conduct.

899

THAT a negro will not work so long as he has a nickel in his pocket.

900

THAT when a man tells you that he was born in Virginia it is a sign that he will try to sell you a gold brick or some oil stock.

901

THAT the sunflower always follows the course of the sun.

902

THAT if a man is the possessor of an habitually imbecile expression he will make a good poker player.

903

THAT the way to a man's heart is through his stomach.

904

THAT when women are together they tell stories just as smutty as the ones men tell.

905

THAT a girl who marries a man to reform him never succeeds.

906

THAT if a group of women are gathered together, the only way for another woman to avoid having her character torn to pieces is to join the group.

907

THAT public men never compose the eloquent addresses they deliver at banquets, but that the latter are prepared for them by their secretaries.

908

THAT American school-teachers who visit the Near East are sure to have romantic adventures.

909

THAT most women begin a street flirtation by dropping their handkerchiefs.

910

THAT a German never spends less than one hour consuming a single glass of beer.

911

THAT women of the half-world always carry all their money in their stockings.

912

THAT American men have more respect for women than the men of any other country.

913

THAT all the chorus girls in burlesque shows are over forty years of age and have false teeth.

914

THAT in a photoplay a motion picture actress brings tears to her eyes by concealing an onion in her handkerchief.

915

THAT it is very dangerous to sleep in a folding bed since it is likely to close up in the middle of the night and smother one to death.

916

THAT the Indians in wild west shows are in reality not Indians at all but painted Chinamen.

917

THAT women who loll about the beaches in stunning bathing costumes never go near the water.

918

THAT a dexterous pickpocket can actually extract a roll of bills from the inside of one's undershirt without one being the wiser.

919

THAT a young man who holds a position of trust in the financial world is constantly shadowed by detectives and that if he were to dine with a chorus girl he would immediately lose his job.

920

THAT a man who is sitting in front of one will turn around if one concentrates one's attention on the back of his head.

921

THAT baggage-men always take great delight in smashing trunks.

922

THAT when a man falls from a great height he always loses consciousness before he hits the ground.

923

THAT people who sit in the gallery at a play are more discriminating than those in the orchestra.

924

THAT French actresses never hesitate to appear on the stage perfectly nude.

925

THAT most men, when dressed in evening clothes, can hardly be distinguished from waiters.

926

THAT convicts like their existence in the new reformed prisons so much that they often refuse to leave when their terms have expired.

927

THAT a Mason who reveals the secrets of the order will mysteriously disappear and never be heard of again.

928

THAT Nathalia Crane's verse is written for her by an adult and experienced poet.

929

THAT Daniel Webster delivered his greatest orations when he was so drunk that he had to hold onto a table to stand up.

930

THAT a shark feeds only when lying on its back, that it has a penchant only for white meat, and that, accordingly, the late Bert Williams might have swum around Florida or West Indian waters for days and days without one of them nipping off so much as a schnitzel of toe.

931

THAT every vice crusader has a desk full of smutty post-cards and photographs, the trophies of various raids, which he takes secret delight in devouring when no one is around.

932

THAT the girls of French Apaches love them passionately because the latter beat them up every night.

933

THAT a cigar smoked on ship-board always tastes bitter.

934

THAT all the old-time whiskey salesmen were very affable spenders and always set 'em up for everybody who happened to be in the saloon at the time.

935

THAT it would be impossible for an army to invade Switzerland, as the Alps constitute a natural and impregnable fortress.

936

THAT French deputies are forever fighting among themselves, and that after every session the floor is strewn with whiskers and bitten-off noses and ears.

937

THAT acrobats could not do their stunts if they had not had their bones scientifically broken a few moments after they were born.

938

THAT when two women enter a street-car they always have a loud argument as to which one will stand the fare, but that as a matter of fact they are both bluffing and neither one wants to pay.

939

THAT an Englishman always carries a small rubber bathtub with him when he travels in order not to miss his morning dip in plumbingless communities.

940

THAT football is a very fine thing and greatly improves the moral character of college boys and that they never neglect an opportunity in the heat of a game to surreptitiously kick an opponent in the back of the head.

941

THAT the men who pass the collection plates in Fifth Avenue churches always have a lot of loose change in their pockets on Monday morning.

942

THAT the nurses in maternity hospitals are often careless and that the babies frequently get mixed up.

943

THAT a youth who goes to Harvard, though he may learn nothing, is given a high polish.

944

THAT many women who live in fashionable apartment houses have liaisons with the elevator boys.

945

THAT the chief reason for saving money is that one may have all the comforts when one is sick.

946

THAT a college education is valueless, and that if a boy availed himself properly of the four years he presently wastes at a university he would be worth three times as much money and would be of much higher standing in the Elks when he arrived at the age of thirty.

947

THAT the liquor problem is entirely due to corner saloons and that if there had never been such places nobody would have ever got drunk.

948

THAT boys born in the neighborhood of a gas-house always grow up to be very tough mugs.

949

THAT one can't catch cold after swimming in salt water no matter if one sits around on a chilly beach soaking-wet for hours.

950

THAT England always persuades some other country to do her fighting for her, and that, when both her ally and her enemy are exhausted, she comes in strong at the finish and reaps all the benefits from the war.

951

THAT summer romances are forgotten with the first frost.

952

THAT when an Indian falls in love with a white woman and she refuses to marry him he never loses his self-possession, but goes back to his own people and lies around in the sun wrapped in a blanket.

953

THAT in the days of chivalry all the Knights Errant were gallant to all the women they met, said their prayers every night before retiring, drank a little, but did not swear.

954

THAT if you are familiar with a negro once, he will shove you off the sidewalk into the gutter the next time he meets you.

955

THAT only a small percentage of Americans know more than a few lines of "The Star-Spangled Banner," and that they are so unfamiliar with the tune that they are always getting to their feet when the band plays "How Dry I Am."

956

THAT the French and English were eager to give up and make peace on the Kaiser's terms when the United States horned in and forced them to go on.

957

THAT if one tries on a suit of clothes in a Jewish clothing store one is always told that it is a perfect fit, no matter if it hangs like a coat upon a rack or clings like the paper to the wall.

958

THAT one always gets tired of a blonde quicker than a brunette.

959

THAT the chief purpose of music in hotel dining-rooms is to drown the noise of people eating soup.

960

THAT people go abroad and visit historic places for the sole purpose of being able to brag about it.

961

THAT a married man never enjoys kissing his wife.

962

THAT a man's wife is never as good a cook as his mother.

963

THAT the women of backwoods communities have learned how to dress as a result of watching motion pictures.

964

THAT when a girl who has been raised in poor circumstances marries, she demands a lot of expensive jewelry, four automobiles, three country houses, and a large staff of servants; but that when a girl who is accustomed to every luxury marries, she is perfectly willing to sew, cook, wash, take care of the baby, and darn her husband's socks.

965

THAT people with a strong physique are more likely to succumb to an illness than those who look delicate.

966

THAT the greater the truth, the greater the libel.

967

THAT a criminal always returns to the scene of his crime, and usually in the dead of night.

968

THAT, even if no one else in Washington does so, the members of the Presidential cabinet are strict observers of the Eighteenth Amendment and would cause the arrest of anyone who offered them a drink of gin.

969

THAT it is foolish to try to sue a newspaper for libel, as all the newspapers stick together on such occasions and it is impossible to beat them.

970

THAT as a result of Prohibition all wealthy Americans who like to tipple will go abroad and spend the rest of their lives there.

971

THAT all of the Americans taken prisoner by the Bolsheviki were innocent.

972

THAT in Japan all the positions of trust in the banks are held by Chinamen.

973

THAT in English families of title, the younger sons always cut up high jinks, and have to be sent out of the country because of gambling debts or escapades with women.

974

THAT you can judge a man by what newspaper he reads.

975

THAT a few minutes before an atheist dies he usually changes his mind and becomes deeply religious, and that if he fails to do so he dies in great agony.

976

THAT at every girls' boarding school there are several female rakes who do nothing but smoke cigarettes, tell risqué stories, and put the other girls hep to a lot of things they should not know.

977

THAT some day Canada will become a part of the United States.

978

THAT artists' models, while posing, frequently faint from exhaustion.

979

THAT, in the old days, whenever a millionaire gave a midnight supper party, a semi-clad chorus girl would dance on the table and the guests would drink champagne out of her slipper.

980

THAT the current craze for spiritualism is the result of propaganda financed by the men who manufacture ouija boards.

981

THAT if a man tries to flirt with a woman at a little distance and she looks with curiosity at his feet, he will be so overcome by embarrassment that he will retreat.

982

THAT people in the theatrical profession never take marriage seriously.

983

THAT the monocle worn by an Englishman is made of cheap window glass, and that whenever he wants to see anything he has to drop it out of his eye.

984

THAT the late J. Pierpont Morgan was the easiest mark the fake antique dealers of Europe had discovered in 250 years, and that a syndicate of Italians actually built five factories in Italy for the sole purpose of manufacturing fake Rembrandts to sell to him.

985

THAT when peroxide of hydrogen is applied to an open wound, the ensuing bubbling shows that the wound is being efficaciously disinfected.

986

THAT eggs contribute to the vitality of great lovers.

987

THAT England entered the war in order to discharge an obligation of honor to Belgium.

988

THAT water drunk from the washstand faucet is not as pure as water drunk from the kitchen faucet.

989

THAT since the war all the French atheists have become devout Catholics.

990

THAT all men who want to work very little and get a lot of money for it are Bolsheviki.

991

THAT the life of a young man who marries an old woman for her money is always a very miserable and unhappy one.

992

THAT prize-fighters are very good to their mothers, and that they are drunk all the time they are not training for a match.

993

THAT in all the battles of the late war, both on the eastern front and on the western front, the German hordes enormously outnumbered the small and gallant bands of Russians, Englishmen, Frenchmen, Italians, Rumanians, Portuguese, Sikhs, Cambodians, Irishmen, Scotchmen, Welshmen, Canadians, Australians, New Zealanders, Somalis, Greeks, Singalese and Americans who opposed them.

994

THAT Southerners are chivalrous.

995

THAT if a child eats snow he will get diphtheria.

996

THAT all professional strong men are muscle-bound.

997

THAT men who are good to animals are often wife-beaters.

998

THAT a baby knows instinctively whether a man is good or bad.

999

THAT there are a lot of things which are very good in theory but won't work in practice.

1000

THAT the cherry nectar sold at pleasure parks is nothing but water filtered through red cheesecloth, and that a gallon of it costs the vender only one cent to make.

1001

THAT all roulette wheels are crooked, and that they are controlled by an electric wire connected with a button under the carpet and near the operator's foot or are manipulated by a device that compresses the slots so that the ball will not fall into them, the said device being manœuvered by a confederate who lies on the floor of the room above and watches the plays through a peep-hole cut into the ceiling.

1002

THAT if all the money in the world were to be divided, within a year the same men would have it again.

1003

THAT a hazy nimbus around the moon is a sure sign of rain.

1004

THAT if all the coal in the world should suddenly give out, science would quickly devise something in its stead.

1005

THAT the late Theodore Roosevelt got a dollar a word for all his magazine writings.

1006

THAT the French make great soldiers; that the English Tommy is a great soldier; that the Canadians make great soldiers; that the Austrians, Germans, Belgians and Americans make great soldiers; that the Cossacks are great soldiers; that the Japs make great little soldiers, etc., etc.

1007

THAT the French, Dutch, Belgians, Jews, Scotch and Germans are very thrifty people; that the Italians save every cent they make; that the New England Yankee is very economical; that the Chinese and Japanese live on rice and are extraordinarily thrifty; that, in fact, no one is improvident and extravagant except Americans in New York and Paris, and all Irishmen.

1008

THAT although 200 per cent of Washington's army deserted at one time or another, the patriotism and valor of the Continentals should set us a great example.

1009

THAT it always takes a woman at least an hour and a half to dress, whereas a man finishes the job in three minutes.

1010

THAT all the girls in Richmond, Va., are great beauties, but that they will not look at a Yankee.

1011

THAT Henry Ford is against the Jews because he tried to borrow $50,000,000 from them and they demanded 10 per cent a month.

1012

THAT Baltimore is the place to eat oysters, and that the folks down there are all epicures and live on the fat of the land.

1013

THAT the Pennsylvania Dutch are all very rich, but that they never take a bath.

1014

THAT the late war was caused by the Kaiser single-handed, and that his plan was to seize all of Europe, reduce the inhabitants to slavery, and then conquer the United States.

1015

THAT every dollar-a-year man during the war swindled the government out of at least $1,000,000.

1016

THAT President Harding was nominated at Chicago as a result of a clever trick arranged by Col. George W. Harvey, and that Harvey was made ambassador to England as a reward.

1017

THAT in spite of the fact that all negroes make a great holiday of July the Fourth only about five per cent of them know why they are celebrating.

1018

THAT the low birth-rate in France is due to the general impotence of Frenchmen, induced primarily by absinthe.

1019

THAT when you've made up your mind to have a tooth extracted it always stops aching just as you place your hand on the dentist's door-knob.

1020

THAT a piece of asafoetida worn about the neck will ward off various diseases.

1021

THAT a war with England would probably be a good thing, inasmuch as the English would be afraid to cross the ocean, and so the United States would have a chance to grab both Canada and Mexico.

1022

THAT born and bred Virginians and South Carolinians are very proud of their origin and are given to excessive braggadocio.

1023

THAT persons with exceedingly high foreheads are always possessed of remarkable intelligence.

1024

THAT it is almost impossible to find a person living in New York who was born there.

1025

THAT all negroes love funerals and circuses, and turn out in great numbers to attend them both, arrayed in their best clothes.

1026

THAT drinking vinegar or the juice of a lemon will reduce one's weight.

1027

THAT a fortune-teller invariably says that you are going on a long journey, will cross water, and had better beware of a certain dark person who is trying to make trouble.

1028

THAT the gold watch-fobs worn by American men in the 80's weighed at least a half pound, and always contained the photographs of their wives and all their children.

1029

THAT there is something peculiarly humorous about a bologna sausage.

1030

THAT many apparently superficial movie actors are really serious and scholarly fellows, and devote all their spare time to reading Dostoievski.

1031

THAT indigent men always pawn their winter overcoats when the warm weather begins.

1032

THAT the young girls of the present day never wear panties.

1033

THAT when a man is suffering from misfortune he is always greatly cheered up by meeting a friend who is also in woe.

1034

THAT up to twenty years ago all physicians affected beards, but that they no longer do so because it is considered unsanitary.

1035

THAT at the time of the American Revolution everybody in England was in favor of giving the colonies their liberty and that the war only took place because of the obstinacy of the King, who was very pro-German.

1036

THAT finger bowls are really of no value and are merely used as a matter of form.

1037

THAT when a bride and groom arrive at an hotel resort they never are able to disguise the fact that they have just been married.

1038

THAT if an undertaker were to discover that a supposedly dead person was still alive, he would immediately inject poison into the body in order not to lose the job.

1039

THAT a man who loudly declares that he intends always to remain a bachelor always marries the first pretty girl he meets.

1040

THAT Mayors, Governors and Presidents have specially constructed office chairs which they occupy during their terms of office.

1041

THAT when a steamer founders her boilers always burst.

1042

THAT the lawyer with the loudest voice generally wins the case.

1043

THAT a girl who is three times a bridesmaid will be an old maid.

1044

THAT a drunken sailor invariably has an enormous amount of money to spend.

1045

THAT all Armenian rug peddlers buy their Armenian rugs after they get here.

1046

THAT when a Spaniard is in love he hangs around all night beneath the window of his inamorata and serenades her with a guitar.

1047

THAT there is no future for a man who works in a bank.

1048

THAT no matter how courageous a man may be he is always afraid to visit a dentist.

1049

THAT parents suffer great mental anguish when they whip their children.

1050

THAT people who offer one a firm handclasp are very upright and honest.

1051

THAT a high-minded man and woman never kiss each other until the man proposes marriage.

1052

THAT a man who follows horse-racing goes broke sooner or later.

1053

THAT the Haitians still practise cannibalism.

1054

THAT most people who own automobiles cannot afford them.

1055

THAT when a man of little breeding attends a banquet he never knows what spoon or fork to use.

1056

THAT no matter how happy a bride may be she always weeps on her wedding day.

1057

THAT in London all clerks go to work at ten A. M., quit at 3 P. M., and wear silk hats.

1058

THAT work on a college paper is excellent training for journalism.

1059

THAT if one goes out wearing new clothes it is sure to rain.

1060

THAT a beautiful woman never has any brains.

1061

THAT Anatole France at seventy was still a devil with the women.

1062

THAT if one were to read the dictionary ten minutes each day one would become very learned.

1063

THAT the Rev. Dr. Billy Sunday has made $1,000,000 out of his gospel business.

1064

THAT it is not healthful to keep flowers in one's bedroom at night.

1065

THAT London women have beautiful complexions, which they owe entirely to the fogs.

1066

THAT when a woman driving an automobile gets into a tight place she promptly loses her head and causes an accident.

1067

THAT a tremendous amount of kidney trouble is due to motorcycles and jitney automobiles.

1068

THAT young people become especially amorous in the springtime.

1069

THAT when one drops a penny in a chewing gum slot machine, the chances are that nothing will come out.

1070

THAT the chief pastime of young medical students is hurling human arms and legs at each other in the dissecting room.

1071

THAT you can get the best seat in the Grand Opera House at Milan for twenty cents.

1072

THAT a minister's son usually grows up to be a drunkard or a thief.

1073

THAT a man who falls in love with a married woman is rotten to the core and is capable of any crime from murder to petty larceny.

1074

THAT Isaac Newton discovered the law of gravity because, as a boy, an apple fell off a tree and fetched him a bang on the coco.

1075

THAT a great many society women use very profane language.

1076

THAT if one is in a great hurry to get to some place, one is always delayed en route.

1077

THAT young girls only smoke cigarettes because they think it looks smart.

1078

THAT the only people who really appreciate opera are Italian barbers.

1079

THAT if Theodore Roosevelt had been President when the late war began he would have ended it within three weeks.

1080

THAT if a waiter in a restaurant has a grudge against one he will surreptitiously spit into one's food.

1081

THAT a tremendous amount of sickness is caused by drinking ice water.

1082

THAT a person who has little to say is very wise and a profound thinker.

1083

THAT people who live in Brooklyn have a great many babies.

1084

THAT to pay a bill in cash causes one a great deal more anguish than to pay it with a cheque.

1085

THAT people who purloin spoons from hotel dining-rooms and keep them as souvenirs are usually honest in every other way.

1086

THAT when two young girls who room together return from a party they always lie awake all night and talk about it.

1087

THAT when a woman has a row with her husband she always cries and threatens to return to her mother.

1088

THAT at a wedding nobody ever pays any attention to the bridegroom.

1089

THAT every small village has a haunted house.

1090

THAT a human being's heart stops beating one instant in the middle of the night.

1091

THAT sophisticated city men buy more fake oil stocks than the farmers.

1092

THAT the bars on all the ocean liners are closed the moment the three-mile limit is reached.

1093

THAT all chattel mortgage sharks are very prominent in church work.

1094

THAT anarchy and socialism are one and the same thing, and that the *Nation* is an advocate of both.

1095

THAT no he-man ever uses talcum powder.

1096

THAT the way to insure peace is to prepare for war.

1097

THAT up to twenty years ago people always went to Niagara Falls for their honeymoon.

1098

THAT the Pennsylvania railroad is always on time, but that the Erie is always from twenty minutes to a half hour late.

1099

THAT after a girl is seen in public more than three times with a young man she must be engaged to him or else she isn't quite nice.

1100

THAT, at five o'clock in the afternoons, the houses of the foreign legations in Washington are full of United States Senators swilling cocktails.

1101

THAT professional card-sharps always dress immaculately and have very ingratiating manners.

1102

THAT in a crowded street-car a man never offers his seat to a woman unless she is very beautiful.

1103

THAT a bride always looks very pretty.

1104

THAT people who go to church a great deal are either fanatics or hypocrites.

1105

THAT a young man must engage in a certain amount of deviltry before he settles down.

1106

THAT people who receive complimentary seats for the theatre always roast the play.

1107

THAT whether a New Englander is in Siberia, Hindustan, Alaska or Flatbush, he always returns home for Thanksgiving.

1108

THAT the Germans never invent anything themselves, but that they appropriate the most ingenious inventions of other people.

1109

THAT it is easier to teach a mongrel dog tricks than a thoroughbred.

1110

THAT battleships are of no further fighting value, and that they are only constructed for the convenience of admirals who use them as they would private yachts.

1111

THAT all men over fifty who shave themselves decline to adopt the new-fangled safety razors but stick steadfastly to the old-fashioned kind.

1112

THAT never in history has there been a train on time in the State of Texas.

1113

THAT a lawyer makes the best Congressman.

1114

THAT bicycles are much cheaper now than when they were very popular.

1115

THAT a railroad conductor's watch is never one second out of the way.

1116

THAT there is no sure method of telling some mushrooms from toadstools.

1117

THAT authors are grateful and very much pleased when informed of an error in their writings, and always reward their informant with a personal letter of thanks.

1118

THAT the suburbs are always more healthful than the city.

1119

THAT Benjamin Franklin discovered electricity.

1120

THAT the postal service maintains a force of rebus experts to make sure that cryptically addressed mail is delivered properly.

1121

THAT on his deathbed Robert G. Ingersoll repented and accepted Christ.

1122

THAT everybody who signed the Declaration of Independence was a great man.

1123

THAT the late war was decided upon years ago by Bismarck, who, in formulating his plans, freely consulted Nietzsche.

1124

THAT when Lee surrendered to Grant there was a very touching scene; that Lee offered Grant his sword, which Grant declined, and that Grant then offered Lee a cigar and a swig out of a pint of whiskey, which Lee accepted.

1125

THAT hasty marriages are bound to end disastrously.

1126

THAT there is a strange and mysterious difference between people who live in Manhattan and people who live in Brooklyn.

1127

THAT the men who own the hat-checking privileges in New York restaurants are all millionaires.

1128

THAT it makes no difference when one drops tobacco ashes on the carpet, because the ashes help to preserve it.

1129

THAT when one of the houris in a Turkish seraglio misbehaves, she is immediately sewn up in a sack and dropped through a trap-door into a subterranean river.

1130

THAT there was once a man who placed his tongue against the rails of the Monon railroad near Kokomo, Indiana, and, being unable to get loose, had his head cut off by a passenger train four hours later.

1131

THAT the groundhog is a member of the weather forecast bureau.

1132

THAT a rainy Sunday means a loss of a quarter of a million dollars to the operators of Coney Island.

1133

THAT a husband is tickled to death when his wife goes away to the country.

1134

THAT music, as a profession, is good for the hair.

1135

THAT atheists become converted when they fall in love.

1136

THAT nowhere is such hospitality found as south of the Mason and Dixon line.

1137

THAT it is impossible to learn a foreign language at college.

1138

THAT all seaside building lots are under water a greater part of the time.

1139

THAT the quivering cry of a screech owl heard just outside a house is a sign that some one in the house will shortly die.

1140

THAT when people read a patent medicine pamphlet they immediately become convinced that they are suffering from all the ailments described therein.

1141

THAT only a millionaire can afford to play polo.

1142

THAT a negro eats nothing but pork chops and chicken.

1143

THAT popular song writers always steal their melodies from well-known operas.

1144

THAT a clever Central Office detective knows the face of every crook in town.

1145

THAT any taxicab driver, on request, will transport one to a bawdy house, from the keeper of which he receives a commission.

1146

THAT when one is taking a bath it is very difficult to keep the soap under control.

1148

THAT men go in for college teaching because they couldn't get into anything else.

1149

THAT millionaires endow colleges to salve their consciences.

1150

THAT people thought tomatoes were poisonous until a youth crossed in love tried to commit suicide by eating one.

1151

THAT the steam will rattle in the radiators in a hospital when a patient dies.

1152

THAT embalmers drag out the brains of the corpses they pickle by running wires up through their noses.

1147

THAT a man who smokes cigarettes in a long holder is a parlor-snake, but that the man who smokes a pipe is a 100 percenter and should marry your daughter.

1153

THAT, whenever there is a sudden complete silence in a gathering, it is either twenty minutes of or twenty minutes past the hour.

1154

THAT somewhere in the world a person dies every second.

1155

THAT fat men are invariably jolly.

1156

THAT de Maupassant wrote only smutty stories.

1157

THAT a good Methodist never smokes, drinks, dances or plays cards—when anyone is looking.

1158

THAT church singers always take a nap during the sermon.

1159

THAT all the Gordon gin presently on the market is fake.

1160

THAT the late Houdini was able to effect his various escapes from handcuffs, straight-jackets, sealed trunks, etc., because he was double-jointed.

1161

THAT all savage tribes have exceptionally keen eye-sight, due to their living in the broad, open spaces.

1162

THAT the chief industry of Ireland is the breeding and exporting of policemen.

1163

THAT the Empress Catherine of Russia fornicated continuously, and that every morning she would cause her regiments to line up outside the palace that she might survey the men and pick out the likeliest candidate for the night's pleasure.

1164

THAT you can tell whether beer is good by the amount of foam at the top of the glass.

1165

THAT nowhere in the world can one hear waltzes played as well as in Vienna.

1166

THAT gipsies, though they may be very dirty and live indiscriminately in traveling wagons, are actually very moral folk among themselves and deeply respect the women of their tribes.

1167

THAT three-quarters of the men living in Wales are coal-miners.

1168

THAT, in freezing weather, one can always prevent the water pipe from bursting by keeping the tap turned on.

1169

THAT every time a cannon is fired in target practice it costs the government $5,000.

1170

THAT ginger-ale contains marble dust that is very injurious to the stomach.

1171

THAT radio broadcasters never have an audience of less than a million people.

1172

THAT whenever anything detrimental to Christian Science is published in a newspaper, the Christian Scientists prevail upon a woman member of their church married to a banker in the town to persuade her husband to use his influence in obtaining a retraction.

1173

THAT all the witty things about women have already been said by Frenchmen.

1174

THAT a special delivery letter never contains anything of any more urgency than might have been sent via a two-cent stamp.

1175

THAT the best way quickly to stop the flow of blood, if one cuts one's self with a razor, is to clap a bit of tissue paper upon the wound.

1176

THAT, in Pittsburgh, one has to wash one's hands fifty times a day.

1177

THAT the moving pictures are a great help in bringing about a better mutual understanding among the nations.

1178

THAT college professors are underpaid.

1179

THAT when one hears the finale of the Eroica symphony one finds it temporarily impossible, for all one's boasted civilization, not to believe in angels.

1180

THAT an ostrich always buries its head in the sand when pursued.

1181

THAT Shaw's "Back To Methuselah" has in it the makings of a new Bible.

1182

THAT all women object to cigar smoke, and that those who protest they do not are liars.

1183

THAT many love affairs have been engendered by a mutual admiration for Robert Browning's poetry.

1184

THAT the dashboard of a country beau's buggy always bears the marks of his footprints upside down.

1185

THAT cigarettes are more deleterious than cigars.

1186

THAT Thomas A. Edison invented moving pictures.

1187

THAT all Englishmen have bad teeth and that the reason for this is the incompetence of English dentists.

1188

THAT a pig eats all day long and never pauses so much as a moment for a breathing spell.

1189

THAT the reports of satisfactory conditions in Russia under the Bolshevist régime are fraudulent and are sent out by newspaper correspondents who have either been bribed or cowed by the officials at Petrograd.

1190

THAT all moving picture leading men were formerly chauffeurs, clerks and waiters.

1191

THAT all bootleggers have got rich.

1192

THAT a baby that laughs all the time will have a sunny disposition when it grows up.

1193

THAT Irish descent insures the inheritance of a rich sense of humor and bright conversational gifts.

1194

THAT the Notre Dame football eleven is the remarkable one it is because all the men comprising it have been playing on the team under aliases for the last ten years.

1195

THAT it is very much easier to write a good play than a good novel.

1196

THAT no one can sleep well when lying for the first time in a strange bed.

1197

THAT in the case of any conspicuous public figure over sixty years of age a newspaper always has his obituary notice ready and in shape to be rushed any moment to the printer.

1198

THAT if it hadn't been for Zola we should never have had Theodore Dreiser.

1199

THAT you can buy a fine apple orchard in Oregon for a couple of hundred dollars.

1200

THAT the members of the Canadian Northwest Mounted Police are all very handsome fellows, never fail to get the men they go after, and are especially gifted in the direction of romantic amour.

1201

THAT if you breathe deeply you will never catch a cold.

1202

THAT a hair-pin makes the best pipe cleaner.

1203

THAT an artist who refuses to accept a prize award always does so merely for the publicity he will get.

1204

THAT John Paul Jones was an American.

1205

THAT all auctions are fakes, and that the auctioneer always has a confederate in the audience to bid up prices.

1206

THAT Buffalo Bill was an unerring marksman and a dead shot.

1207

THAT if you eat raw meat you will get worms.

1208

THAT nowhere in America can you get such mince-pies as they make in New England.

1209

THAT an actress of forty always sees to it that her press-agent uses photographs of herself taken ten years earlier.

1210

THAT the coins used in England are so heavy they wear a hole in one's pocket in a few hours.

1211

THAT Edgar A. Guest has some of the earmarks of Tennyson.

1212

THAT a crow always flies in a perfectly straight line.

1213

THAT every American who motors through France is hit by at least ten bricks, cast at him by acrimonious and indignant French peasants.

1214

THAT a doctor is not happy with a simple case, but is interested only when confronted by one of great complexity.

1215

THAT all the bathrooms in Havana are full of bugs, each of them from six inches to a foot long.

1216

THAT jazz is an aphrodisiac.

1217

THAT boys at a western university are in the aggregate healthier than those at an eastern.

1218

THAT a boy who plays with himself will grow up to be either an idiot or a clergyman.

1219

THAT every family in Detroit owns an automobile.

1220

THAT it is so windy in Chicago that one can't keep one's hat on half the time.

1221

THAT Buenos Aires is gayer at night than even Paris.

1222

THAT when a boozer gets pneumonia, the doctor doesn't even make an effort to save him, as it is a foregone conclusion that he is done for.

1223

THAT if a bull spots a man with a red necktie on, it will go after him post haste, whereas a man with a blue or green one on will leave the bull cold.

1224

THAT a man with a little money in the bank always feels more confident of himself than a man without any.

1225

THAT if you drink three glasses of water every day you will never have rheumatism or get kidney trouble.

1226

THAT side-street florists always stock up with the flowers left in the big florist shops at the close of the previous day's business.

1227

THAT Italian and French actresses are invariably more temperamental than Anglo-Saxon, and that their dressing-rooms look as if a hurricane had struck them on such nights as they are playing "Tosca," "Fedora" or "Camille."

1228

THAT negroes are much luckier in shooting crap than white folk.

1229

THAT there is a train wreck at or near Ashtabula, Ohio, on an average of once a month.

1230

THAT all West Indian boys working here as elevator operators are very rude, and that most of them will steal anything out of the apartments that they can lay their hands on.

1231

THAT the average American does not believe most or all of the articles set forth in "The American Credo."